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AMERICAN SHOT IN TRIPLE TRAGEDY

(From Our Own Correspondent)
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Shanghai, To-day.

A triple tragedy, a double murder and suicide, arising out of a triangle of two men and a girl, has shocked the French Concession.

Victims were
A charming Russian cabaret-girl;
An American sailor;
A Russian in love with the girl.

The French Police are, at present, withholding the names of the dead trio.

The tragedy occurred in the early hours of this morning and the Russian was responsible. He drew a revolver and shot dead the American sailor, from the U.S.S. Augusta, and the girl who was returning with him after dancing at a cabaret, subsequently killing himself.

There is no doubt that jealousy was the motive, though French police investigations are not completed.

Personal investigations reveal that the sailor had accompanied the girl home from the cabaret and that the Russian murderer was lying in wait for them.

When they emerged from a taxi, he followed them, and after a short argument, fired several shots. Our Own Correspondent.

Reuter cabling later states that the name of the American sailor was O'Donnell.

WEATHER FORECAST:—South and south-east winds, moderate; fair at first, some rain later.

PARIS, TO-DAY.

Time and again, the Germans have effected crossings and have been driven back, and more satisfactory reports received early this morning suggested that the German troops in the Sedan area were now tightly penned and in danger of being trapped.

The German position in this area, where their troops are congested owing to the wrecking of bridges, is being ruthlessly and continuously bombed by squadrons of Allied planes.

Semi-official estimates of the casualties since the German invasion on Friday last, give a total of at least 600,000 killed, of which the Germans have lost 400,000.

The German High Command, meantime, claims that another of the Liege forts has been captured and that two of the forts of Namur are in German hands.—Havas.

Strategical Movements

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

The following explanation of the fluctuations of the Belgian front was given by semi-official sources yesterday:—

Holland and Belgium having appealed for Allied aid, our troops went to their assistance on May 10 with remarkable precision; they rapidly reached their positions under the cover of the advance guards.

The latter carried out their mission—to guide the main body of troops during the march and then to cover them while they took up position—and then, this fulfilled, the advance guards gradually fell back.

This is a classical form of strategy, and is not an advance followed by a retreat but successive stages of an advance.

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BOMBING OF PARIS DENIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

Reports that Paris was bombed by German planes were categorically denied here yesterday.

No air raid alarm has been sounded in the capital since 2.20 p.m. on May 15.—Havas.

JAPANESE GIVE D.E.I. ASSURANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Japan considers the Dutch Government still controls all Holland's colonies despite the fact the Government has removed to London, declared a Foreign Office spokesman yesterday.

He hoped consequently the assurances given by Holland to Japan regarding the maintenance of the status quo in the Netherlands East Indies would be respected.

It is understood the Japanese Consul-General in Batavia has protested against an anti-Japanese demonstration which took place and received assurances that steps would be taken against the demonstrators.—Havas.

Dutch Satisfied

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

"Japan's position in regard to the Dutch East Indies does not give any reason for concern and rumours (Continued at foot of preceding Col.)



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CHINA PEACE TALK NONSENSE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

"UTTER NONSENSE" WAS the comment of the official Chinese spokesman when queried by Havas regarding peace rumours being circulated in Shanghai. The spokesman emphasised China remains fully determined to fight until the last Japanese soldier leaves Chinese soil.

Well-informed circles generally ridicule the rumour, pointing out that the Chinese forces have just scored an important success on the Hupeh-Honan border and that everywhere the Japanese advance has been stopped.

Therefore, they fail to see why Free China should in any way be inclined to make peace with Japan. It is humourously noted that each time the Japanese armies suffer a reverse their spokesman spreads a rumour China is prepared to sue for peace.—Havas.

CHINA'S FOREIGN POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

China's foreign policy remains unchanged despite the latest developments in the international situation, Mr. Wang Chung-hui, Foreign Minister, declared over the radio last evening.

He added: "We are resisting Japanese aggression vigorously until the Japanese militarists make atonement for upsetting peace and order in this continent. We will not lay down our arms no matter how long we have to continue to fight."

"Over a year ago, we pointed out how Japanese occupation of the strategic Hainan Island would be used as a stepping stone to threaten the Pacific possessions of foreign Powers."

"To-day the Japanese make it unmistakably clear, through their statements, that they covet the Dutch East Indies and thus increasing the danger of the Philippines and the Straits Settlements and Indo-China."

"We cannot but feel concerned over any Japanese action in the Netherlands Indies since the Chinese, who are contributing their share to the economic development of these areas, number over 1,000,000 and have heavy investments there."—Havas.

ROUT OF JAPANESE IN HUPEH

Chungking, To-day.

According to the latest Chinese field despatches the rout of the Japanese army which was trapped by superior Chinese forces north-west of Hankow is now almost complete.

Some 20,000 men are still encircled near Tsaoyang and are making desperate, but so far vain efforts to fight their way through the Chinese cordon, while two fresh Japanese brigades advancing from the south are trying to relieve them.

The remainder of the Japanese force is stated to have fallen back in disorder towards the south-east after suffering heavy losses.

The Chinese High Command states the Japanese base at Changtaikwan was captured yesterday.—Reuter.

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THE CO-OPERATIVES

London, To-day.

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DESCRIBED AS A MERCHANT, SIGEMORI SAKATA, 40, RESIDING AT THE MATSUBARA HOTEL, WAS HEAVILY FINED BY MR. R. EDWARDS THIS MORNING, WHEN CHARGED WITH GIVING FALSE INFORMATION TO KEEPERS OF HOTELS IN THE COLONY, AND WITH FAILING TO NOTIFY CHANGES OF HIS ADDRESS.

Defendant went to the Hong Kong Hotel on February 12, signing his name in the register as Tien Cheng, a Chinese subject. He stayed there till March 11. He again went there on March 15, giving the same name.

On the same day, he went to the Luk Kwok Hotel in Gloucester Road, and registered as Tien Cheng.

On April 16, defendant on learning that another Japanese had been fined for giving false information, he went to the Matsubara Hotel.

On the following day, defendant went back to the Luk Kwok Hotel, where he gave his name as Fan To, and stayed till two days ago, when he was arrested.

During his time at the Luk Kwok Hotel, defendant had been to Shanghai. He had been in the Colony since February 5 this year.

Defendant told the Court that he was educated at a university in Peiping, where he used the Chinese name, Tien Cheng. In Hong Kong, he wanted to meet Chinese friends who had known him as Tien, so he gave his Chinese name to the Hotels.

It was stated that during all the changes between hotels, defendant did not make one report to the Registration office.

Defendant was fined \$1,000 or five months' hard labour.

Detective Sergeant Mann, of the Special Branch, conducted the prosecution.

SLEEPER ROBBED

While sleeping in a chair at Tsinf-shatsui Pier early this morning, Y. C. A. Nikkilsen, oiler on board a Danish ship, had four \$1 notes extracted from his pockets. He did not know of the incident until he was awakened and told by a Chinese constable.

Before Mr. E. Himsworth, Ng Fo, 42, charged with larceny of \$4, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

TRIBUNAL TO SIT

A public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Thursday, 23rd May, at 4.15 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

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CONFLICT OVER GLASS CONTRACT

ALLEGING BREACH OF TWO CONTRACTS, THE KOW CHOW FIRM, OF NO. 28, ABERDEEN STREET, CLAIMED DAMAGES OF \$1,000 FROM MESSRS. SHEWAN TOMES AND COMPANY, BEFORE MR. JUSTICE E. H. WILLIAMS, ACTING PUISNE JUDGE, AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING.

Defendant firm counterclaimed for \$286.79 for damages for non-acceptance of goods.

Mr. D. McCallum appeared for plaintiffs, while Mr. W. A. Mackinlay represented defendant.

Plaintiffs alleged that defendants agreed to sell them 100 cases of window-glass, that delivery of only 50 cases was made, and that as a result defendants had to purchase the balance at higher rates causing them a loss.

Defendant firm alleged that plaintiffs failed to accept delivery within seven days of arrival, therefore they sold the goods at a loss for which they entered a counter-claim.

The case is proceeding.

CAR DRIVER FINED

Tong Ho-chuen, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for dangerous driving.

At about 6.10 p.m. on April 26, a car driven by Mrs. G. H. Wasser, of No. 82, Morrison Hill Road, was waiting for the traffic signals at the junction of Queen's Road and Stubbs Road. When her car was turning into Stubbs Road, defendant overtook on the right and collided, damaging the mudguard to the extent of \$18.40.

Defendant was fined \$15, and was ordered to pay \$18.40 compensation.

STABBING INCIDENTS

Wong Sze-yuen, of No. 32, Davies Street, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday with a stab wound in the back inflicted by an unknown Chinese in Water Street yesterday.

Leung Pang, a coolie, was also treated for a stab wound, in the right leg, inflicted during a quarrel in Connaught Road West.

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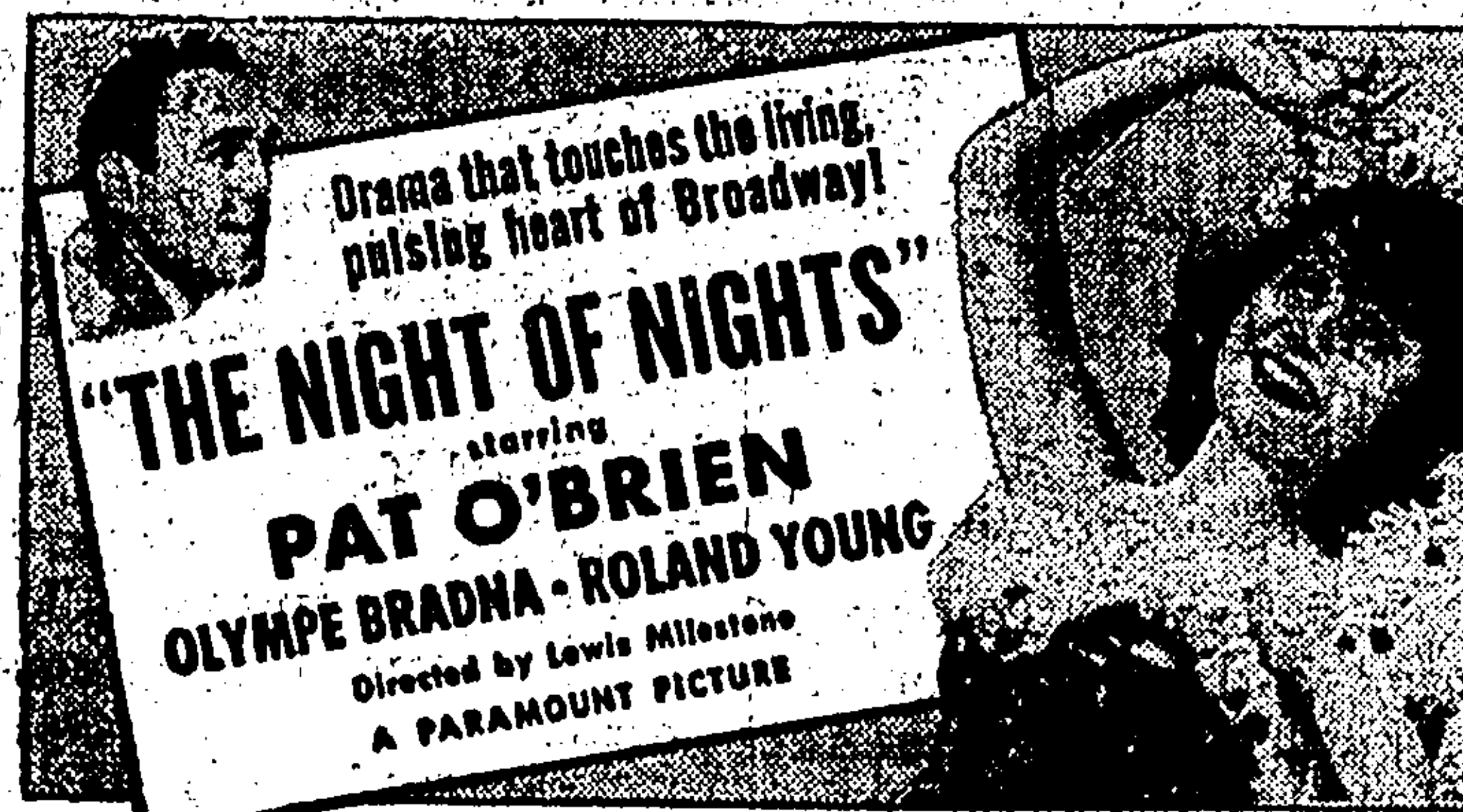
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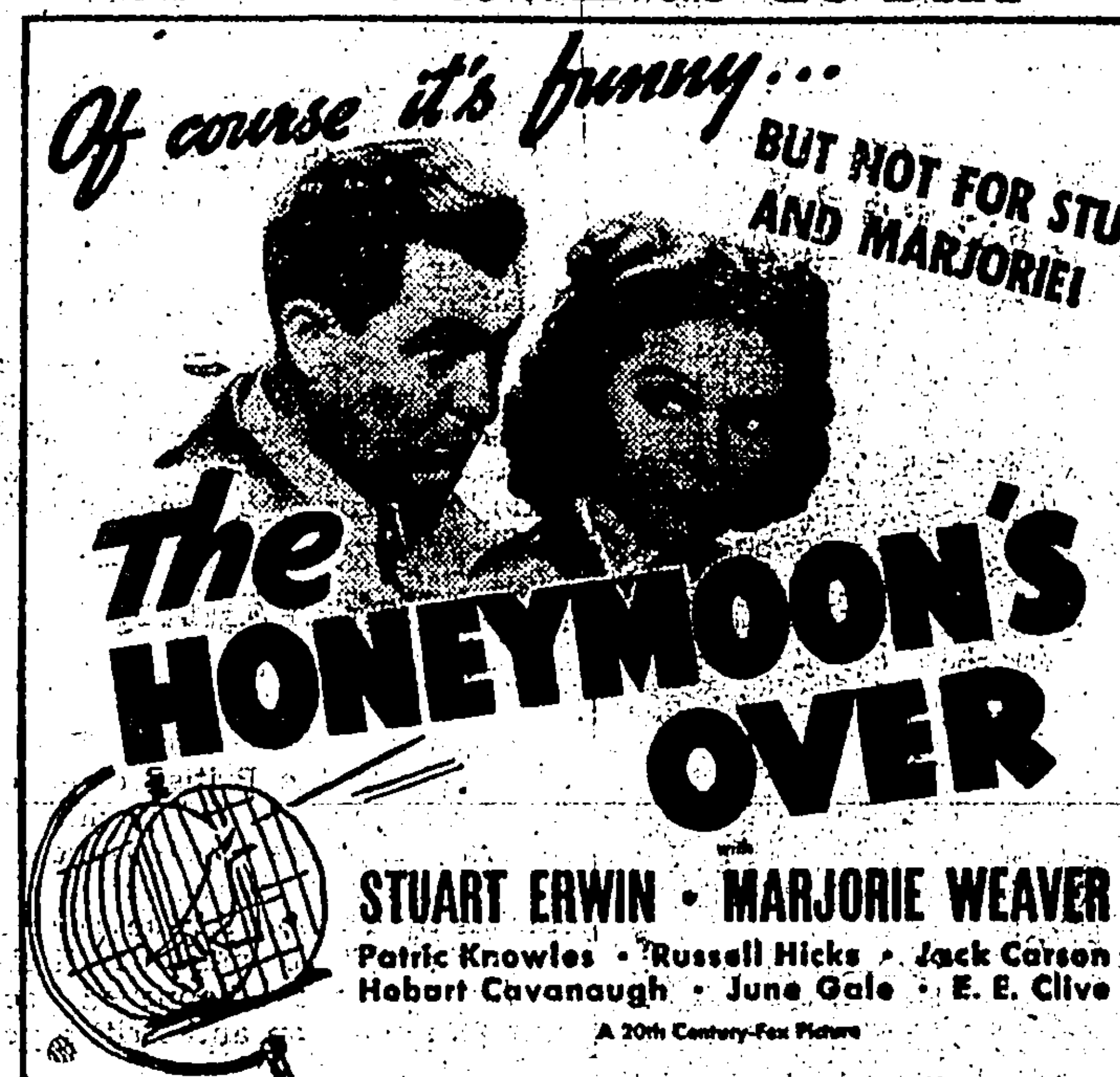
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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

EXTREME POLITICAL ALARM IS BEING INCREASINGLY FELT THROUGHOUT THE BALKANS, PARTLY, OWING TO GERMAN TROOP CONCENTRATIONS AND TO THE ATTITUDE OF ITALY.

In Belgrade, Italy's position is considered "not clear but threatening" and Yugo-Slavia is taking exceptional precautionary measures.

A protective air patrol is constantly flying over Belgrade; many reserve pilots, have been called to the colours and special measures are being taken to combat parachute troops.

In Rome, Carabinieri were stationed last night around the Yugo-Slavian Legation, which is generally interpreted as meaning that anti-Yugo-Slav demonstrations are expected.

The last time similar precautions were taken was ten years ago during the Adriatic crisis.—Havas.

War Correspondent Sent!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

The "Voelksischer Beobachter," official organ of the German Nazi Party, has sent a war correspondent to Yugo-Slavia who asserts he has been sent to cover the operations should war break out between Italy and Yugo-Slavia.

The correspondent was previously in Yugo-Slavia and was then asked to leave the country when he was found taking pictures of a strategical region in Slovenia.—Havas.

Italian Apology

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

In reply to the British demand for an explanation, the Italian authorities yesterday expressed their regrets over the threatening of British Embassy officials by a mob. At the same time, the "apology" blames the Embassy officials for what happened because they tore down an anti-British poster.

The Italian Government denies responsibility for poster or demonstrations.—Havas.

HITLER'S MESSAGE TO TROOPS

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler has addressed an Order to the German troops in Holland expressing his thanks and admiration.

He says: "Within five days you attacked a strong and well-prepared army stubbornly resisting behind seemingly unconquerable barriers and fortified lines, eliminated their air force and finally forced them to capitulate."

"This is a unique accomplishment the military importance of which will be proved in the future."

"Only by dint of your exemplary co-operation and determined leadership and the courage of the soldiers, particularly the heroism of the death-defying parachutists and landing troops, has this success been made possible."—Reuter.

GUERRILLA WARFARE IN NORWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

While there are London reports that reinforcements from Norway have been rushed to the aid of the Germans in the Lowland Countries, reports from Oslo state that heavy reinforcements of men and artillery are arriving in Norway.

Guerilla warfare is raging between Kongsvinger and Roeros, these reports state, and young Norwegians who hide in the woods are inflicting heavy losses on the Germans.

The Germans have found it impossible to break down the resistance of the snipers and now announce that all Norwegians with weapons will be shot.—Havas.

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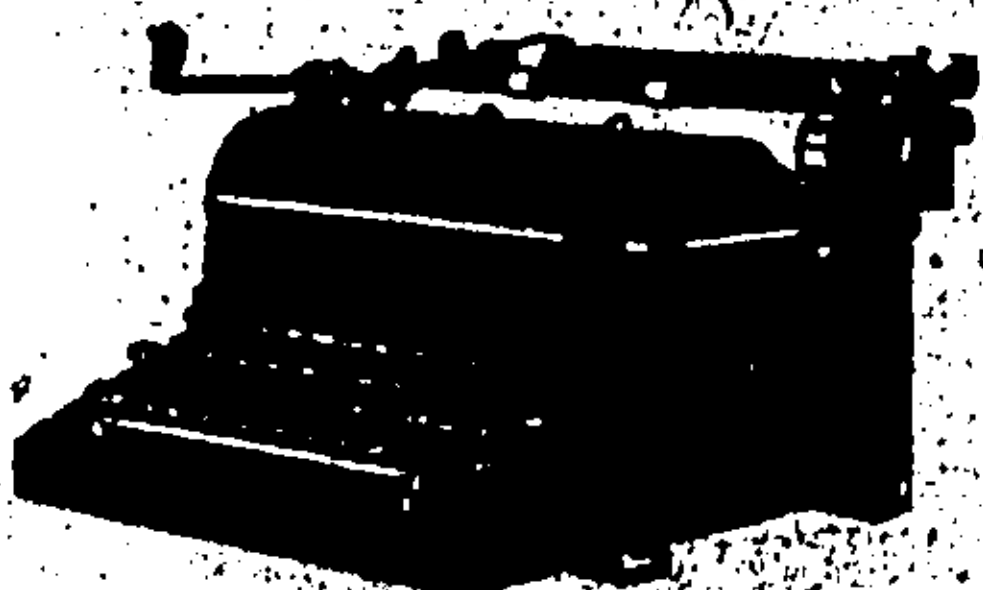
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AMERICANS IN BRITAIN AND FRANCE WARNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

It is reported here that Americans in Britain and France, as well as Italy, have been advised to return to the United States unless they are compelled to stay for imperative reasons.—Havas.

SOME DUTCH TROOPS CROSS INTO BELGIUM

London, To-day.

Some of the Dutch forces who, on Tuesday night, were ordered to lay down their arms in order to spare the civilian population, have crossed into Belgium, where they will be re-armed without delay.

The Netherlands Legation says that they will form the kernel of the new Dutch force which the Dutch Government in London is considering.

The greater part of the Dutch Navy is at present in the Dutch East and West Indies and the North Sea, and is co-operating with the Allied Navies.

It should be mentioned, says the Legation, that the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies has at his disposal a considerable army, well-equipped and trained, and an air force of bombers and fighters of the latest American and Dutch models.—Reuter.

DUTCH NAVY WITH ALLIES

London, To-day.

The majority of ships of the Dutch Navy which left Holland are now either in the North Sea or in British ports.

On the other hand, a considerable amount of Dutch Army material must have fallen into German hands.

It is understood that much of the considerable supply of petrol in Holland has been destroyed. Important oil tanks in Flushing were still burning on Tuesday morning.—British Wireless.

AMERICAN ADVICE TO AMERICANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Well-informed American quarters deny rumours that the Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips, has invited Americans residing in Italy to leave immediately. The American diplomatic authorities have only answered American citizens asking for advice that it appeared wiser to leave if their occupation did not oblige them to remain in Italy.—Havas.

OFF THE RECORD

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HOLLAND'S LOSSES

Over 100,000 Killed: But Fight Is To Go On

World Broadcast By Queen Wilhelmina

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"I AND MY PEOPLE ALWAYS HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO LIMIT THE EXTENT OF THE EUROPEAN CONFLICT AND THAT A REASONABLE BASIS FOR A LASTING PEACE COULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE," DECLARED QUEEN WILHELMINA OF THE NETHERLANDS IN A BROADCAST AT 9 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT IN ENGLISH TO THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

"To-day it appears that all our fervent prayers in favour of a common understanding between nations have proved futile.

"After the ruthless aggression against progressive, Democratic Norway, an even more cynical, if possible, procedure was followed in respect of Holland and Belgium.

"Both countries have shown to the utmost their steadfast determination to preserve neutrality and offered more than once their good offices with a view to re-establishing contact between the belligerent powers which might have led to the cessation of hostilities.

"To-day we have to admit that no happiness can be expected in this world if those who are solely responsible for the present situation are not definitely checked in their course of unscrupulous destruction and utter disregard for law and the most elementary principles of morality.

Spirit Unbroken

"After heroic struggles my nation, which has attempted everything to maintain peace, is being overpowered by sheer force, but morally we can never be conquered.

"Our spirit will remain unbroken because our conscience is clear.

"I pray God our Allied cause may be blessed and that the dawn of the day when freedom be restored to the Netherlands and all other victims of German aggression, be near."—Reuter.

100,000 Dutch Troops Killed

Paris, To-day.

A quarter of Holland's army of 400,000 men has been killed, Dr. van Kleffens, Netherlands Foreign Minister, said yesterday.

Paying a tribute to the courage of the Dutch troops, he said that certain regiments—notably the Grenadiers—had lost 80 per cent. of their strength.—Reuter.

Netherlands Still At War With Germany

Paris, To-day.

Dr. Kleffens, the Dutch Foreign Minister, stated yesterday afternoon that one-quarter of Holland's army of 400,000 men was lost in the fighting.

AUGMENTING BRITAIN'S FIRE BRIGADES

London, To-day.

Britain's fire fighting services are to be strengthened by the introduction of a scheme by which members of the public, working in small teams, will in an emergency act as firemen in their own streets. Over 30,000 stirrup pumps will be issued for the purpose.—Reuter.

COMMUNISTS OF CANADA ILLEGAL

Ottawa, To-day.

The Supreme Court of Ontario has granted an application by the Provincial Attorney-General to declare the Communist Party an illegal organisation.—Reuter.

A GERMAN SOLDIER TELLS GERMANY

A Canadian soldier broadcast in German to Germany through the B.B.C.

The soldier said he was born in Germany and left twelve years ago. "Like Hitler," he said, "I fought as a simple soldier in the German Army. I am convinced of another complete defeat for the German Army—unless Hitler and his gang are overthrown."

try has capitulated, and the Netherlands continues to be at war with Germany."

He said: "You must continue to watch the map of Holland."

"We will bring immense resources to the Allies and will fight until victory."

Dr. Kleffens graphically described how the last of the Dutch bombers loaded up and took off and had not been heard of since.—Reuter.

DUTCH ARMY SURRENDER SIGNED

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND ANNOUNCES THAT THE CAPITULATION OF THE DUTCH ARMY WAS SIGNED AT 11 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY MORNING BY THE RESPONSIBLE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

German mechanised columns entered The Hague at about 5.30 in the morning, according to the Hilversum Radio, which stated that the inhabitants were awakened at about 5 a.m. by low-flying aircraft.

Half an hour later German troops were taking up positions in Lange Voochout, near Parliament buildings, in the centre of the city.—Reuter.

QUEEN'S BROADCAST

London, To-day.

The Queen of Holland is to make a broadcast to the United States at 1 a.m. (G.M.T.) to-day (Thursday). It will be in similar terms to that Her Majesty made to the British Empire last night.—Reuter.

SWISS COMPLETE MOBILISATION

Berne, To-day.
MOBILISATION HAS BEEN completed and all troops are occupying positions assigned to them. Positions on the frontiers are strongly held, and in the interior large forces are ready to maintain the security of Switzerland.
 Nazi troop movements are reported from Freiburg along the north-east border of Switzerland, and manoeuvres on Lake Constance.

Passenger train services to and from Germany via Basle have been suspended in both directions, except for those with diplomatic passports.

The Swiss radio denies rumours spread by "certain sinister sources" expressing doubts about Switzerland's neutrality.—Reuter.

All Railway Traffic Brought To End

Berne, To-day.
 Passenger trains between Switzerland and Germany have been suspended in both directions except for travellers with diplomatic passports.

Traffic in the German station of Basle has been almost wholly suspended.—Reuter.

University Closed

Berne, To-day.
 The University of Berne has been provisionally closed for a fortnight and students who have not been mobilised have been asked to put themselves at the disposal of the auxiliary services of the Army.

The Swiss public has been anxiously watching every phase of the campaign in Holland and Belgium, and the newspapers warn the public against premature conclusions from the capitulation of Holland.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT CHANGES PLANS

Washington, To-day.
 President Roosevelt, who intended to go to North Carolina and Mississippi after Congress adjourns in June, announced yesterday his plans were provisionally suspended owing to the European situation.—Reuter.

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HUNGARY MOBILISES TROOPS

Budapest, To-day.
 The mobilisation of two Hungarian army corps was announced yesterday.

It is officially stated this cannot be regarded as any threat to peace. The mobilisation is for the purpose of training men from the territories recently incorporated in Hungary who have not yet done service in the Hungarian army.

A few motorised and cavalry brigades have also been mobilised for the same reason.—Reuter.

NAZIS BOMB ITALIAN SHIP OFF HOLLAND

London, To-day.
 German aircraft yesterday afternoon attacked off the Dutch coast the Italian steamer Foscolo from Antwerp. The Foscolo sent out an S.O.S. stating she had been bombed and was sinking.—Reuter.

ROTTERDAM NOW A CITY IN RUINS

London, To-day.
ROTTERDAM HAS BEEN practically destroyed, and the fact that Utrecht was threatened with a similar fate was the last straw which forced the Dutch Commander-in-Chief to order his Army to lay down its arms, Dutch circles in London state.
 On Tuesday morning, Dutch troops had re-occupied Rotterdam for the second time, but the city was so badly damaged that the people had to leave it.

ARGENTINE'S PROPOSAL FOR NEW ATTITUDE

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
 THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PROPOSAL TO TURN PAN-AMERICAN NEUTRALITY INTO "NON-BELLIGERENCY" WAS DISCUSSED BY DR. ESPIL, THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR, AND MR. SUMNER WELLES, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, YESTERDAY.

It is understood Mr. Sumner Welles was very reserved and expressed a desire to have more time to study the proposal.

He also pointed out that United States neutrality is a matter determined by Congress and it is very difficult for President Roosevelt to partake in discussion on a new aspect of neutrality without considering the question of fresh legislation by Congress.

The Argentine proposal, nevertheless, is attracting a great deal of attention here.—Reuter.

LOUVAIN SUFFERS FROM NAZI KULTUR

Paris, To-day.
 Louvain, whose irreplaceable international treasures were burned by the Germans in 1914, is again passing through martyrdom, according to a French correspondent with the Belgian armies.

The correspondent writes that the results achieved by the German air force against purely military objectives are in no way discouraging to the Allied armies, whose concentrations are proceeding without damage and in perfect order, but the brutal tactics of terrorising the civilian population, and massacring without mercy show the Germans more than ever are faithful to the pitiless precepts of Clausewitz.

The correspondent says there was distress on the faces of Americans who accompanied him at Louvain at the sight of houses gutted by aerial torpedoes and the bodies of murdered women and children. Louvain was largely rebuilt through American generosity after the last war.—Reuter.

ALLIED MANOEUVRES IN MEDITERRANEAN

Cairo, To-day.
 The Allied Fleet has put to sea from Alexandria for manoeuvres, according to programme.—Reuter.

These Dutch circles also point out that the main water line from the Zuider Zee down the Maas was never broken; Germans who got into the country from the south threatened it from the rear.—Reuter.

BELGIUM STUBBORN

Brussels, To-day.
 A Government proclamation says: "The defeat of our northern neighbours will not discourage us."
 "Our army, supported by our British and French allies, is stubbornly resisting. Belgium cannot be defeated."

The Brussels radio announcer said the Government had not left the capital where the Allied embassies also remain.—Reuter.

MOTORING OFFENCE

Mrs. A. Raymond, of No. 39, Stubbs Road, was cautioned by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., to-day for failing to stop close to the side of the road in Des Voeux Road Central on May 2.

FASCISTS STOP VATICAN PAPER

London, To-day.
 London circles in close touch with the Vatican state that recent measures by the Fascist Party have rendered the distribution of the Vatican newspaper "Osservatore Romano" impossible.
 The measures coincided with the Pope's messages to the Sovereigns of Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland. It is added.—Reuter.

ITALY WILL NOT BE TAKEN BY SURPRISE

Rome, To-day.
 "Il Duce's orders will be obeyed in all circumstances," declared Signor Venturi, Minister of Communications, speaking in the Senate yesterday.

He added Italy will not, in days to come, be taken by surprise whatever might be the events, certainly glorious, that the country, rallied round Il Duce, might have to face.

Signor Venturi referred to the "intolerable conditions" which he said were imposed on Italian seaborne traffic.

He added in the present war, contrary to the war of 1914-18, vessels were even stopped in the territorial waters of non-belligerents, thus not holding up supplies for the enemy but also limiting or holding up supplies for non-belligerents.—Reuter.

Test Mobilisation

Rome, To-day.
 The Italian Minister of Communications has told the Senate that Italy has made a test mobilization of her transport facilities.

No less than 2,449 Italian ships had been either stopped or diverted from their routes by the Allied contraband control.

Seven ships had been sunk in the North Sea, with the loss of 34 lives.—Reuter.

U.S. TO REPRESENT BELGIUM IN BERLIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.
 The United States has accepted a request to represent Belgian interests in Germany, the State Department spokesman announced yesterday.

He added the United States Ambassadors in Belgium and Holland would remain in Brussels and The Hague.

The American envoys would represent all the Allies' interests there in case of capture by the Germans of the two capitals.—Havgs.

NEW POST IN BRITISH GOVERNMENT

The post of Secretary for Petroleum in the Churchill Government has been newly created; and, in view of the increased importance and perplexity of duties in connection with coal and oil respectively under present conditions, it has been decided to divide the duties hitherto discharged by the Secretary for Mines.—British Wireless.

Magnificent Work By Royal Air Force HAVOC CREATED IN NAZI RANKS

Savage Reply By German Bombers

London, To-day.

SMARTING UNDER THE lightning British air attack on German troops thrusting into the north-east corner of France on Tuesday, when scores of British dive bombers "plastered" the German advance to bring it to an early standstill, the German air force made a savage reply yesterday, says Reuter's special correspondent with the R.A.F. in France.

Wave after wave of Nazi bombers swept over the area of British aerodromes, and the explosions of salvoes of heavy bombs has been heard every hour or so since 2 o'clock in the morning.

Small groups of British fighters are still "kicking hard" despite the terrific strain on the handful of pilots flying them continuously since last Friday.

By 6.30 p.m. they had bagged two Dorniers and eleven Messerschmidt 110 cannon-firing fighters which were escorting the bombers. Anti-aircraft fire is stated to have accounted for four other enemy aircraft.

A German air gunner who baled out of a crashing Dornier landed in a village where 16 civilians, mostly women and children, had been killed by bombs on Tuesday. R.A.F. guards had to shield him from the anger of the villagers. — Reuter.

Low-Flying Attacks On Enemy Troops

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

An Air Ministry communique says R.A.F. bombers escorted by fighters went into action in co-operation with the French forces in the great battle which has developed near Sedan and the River Meuse.

Repeated low-flying attacks on enemy troops and tank concentrations were made. These were highly successful and valuable assistance was given to the French army.

Two permanent bridges and two pontoons were destroyed, and at least 15 enemy aircraft brought down. Our losses are not considered excessive in view of the results obtained.

Several of the crews of R.A.F. aircraft brought down by the enemy have succeeded in returning to our lines on foot. — Havas.

Meuse Bridges Destroyed

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that in an Allied air attack in the Sedan area several pontoon bridges at crossings of the Meuse were destroyed.

Later over 150 Allied aircraft attacked the crossings and the main lines of advancing reinforcements, and four bridges were destroyed, tank and troops concentrations broken up and roads blocked.

The German advance in the Sedan sector was halted by this operation

and the French were enabled to launch a vigorous counter-attack.

Considerable Damage

Throughout the day extensive bombing operations were also carried out on other parts of the battle front. Considerable damage was inflicted on the enemy and enemy fighters were accounted for.

During the night bombing raids were made in Germany on the enemy's lines of communication.

Apart from the operation in the Sedan area, where success could not have been achieved without casualties being sustained, the balance of aircraft losses remains heavily in the Allied favour.

Reconnaissance patrols have flown along the Dutch coast where many wrecked aircraft were seen on beaches and fields around The Hague. — Reuter.

To Meet Offensive

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces: "Further details have now been received of the Allied air attack in the Sedan area."

In the morning it was seen that a heavy offensive was developing at the crossings of the Meuse. Light bombers were sent out to attack pontoon bridges which the enemy had thrown across the river.

Several of these bridges were destroyed and although subjected to intense A.A. fire all our aircraft returned safely.

Later in the day, as the situation had deteriorated, forces of British and French bombers launched a combined attack on the crossings of the Meuse and the main lines of the advancing reinforcement.

The attack was opened by a large wave of French bombers with fighter escorts and followed up by still heavier British formations. Over 150 Allied aircraft took part in this operation in which four bridges were destroyed, large tank and troop concentrations broken up and roads blocked.

Advance Halted

Effect of this operation was to halt the German advance in the Sedan sector and enable the French to launch a vigorous counter-attack.

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NAZIS ISSUE WARNING TO GERMANY

London, To-day.

A warning against "exaggerated hopes" following the successes announced in yesterday's German High Command communique, was given by the German official wireless last night.

The announcer stated: "These successes are not yet decisive. 'However, with Holland's capitulation the German army has come almost to the very gates of Britain, which can now be reached by our warplanes in barely an hour.'—Reuter.

GERMANS THREATEN BRUSSELS

Berlin, To-day.

Announcing that they no longer consider Brussels an open city, the German High Command alleges that military movements of all kinds have taken place through Brussels in the last few days.

It is added: "If the Belgian Government wishes to spare Brussels the horrors of war, all military movements as well as fortification works must cease immediately. 'If military objectives are found in Brussels they will be attacked by the German air force.'—Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

The German High Command announces it no longer recognises Brussels as an open town.

siderable damage was inflicted on the enemy.

During the night bombing raids were carried out in Germany on enemy lines of communication. Relays of fighter patrols, in some of which French and British pilots flew in company, were carried out from dawn till dusk.

Sections of our fighter aircraft engaged enemy formations at considerable odds. In one instance six Hurricanes attacked 54 Messerschmidt 110s and a number of bombers. In another three Hurricane and Morane fighters engaged nine Heinkels.

Reports from our fighter pilots show that enemy bombing formations were often broken up by the dash of our attack. — British Wireless.

BLLENHEIM BOMBERS WRECK CONVOY

London, To-day.

Details of a devastating daylight attack by British bombers on an enemy mechanised column several miles long, may now be given.

In the early stages of the German invasion of Belgium, large enemy concentrations were reported to be moving forward through the frontier town of Maastricht.

A strong force of Blenheim bombers was at once despatched with orders to find the enemy's leading column and delay its advance.

It located the column on the road leading from Maastricht towards Tongres.

The column, a moving mass of small tanks, armoured cars, and motor transports, loaded with troops, stretched nearly five miles and was progressing steadily at a speed of about 20 to 25 miles per hour.

The tanks were leading and the long line of vehicles, mostly bunched at the Maastricht end of the road, gradually thinned towards Tongres where they were some 20 yards apart.

Hopeless Confusion

Breaking up to aid approach, and diving to within 1000 feet of the ground, the bomber formation went into action.

One after the other, the Blenheims attacked in quick succession and from different directions.

High explosive bombs of heavy calibre tore great craters in the road surface, piling vehicles in hopeless confusion while large numbers of smaller bombs played havoc with the personnel.

The initial attack brought great success and by the time the last Blenheim had swooped down through a hail of rifle and machine-gun fire to drop its bombs on the convoys, a mass of damaged cars and overturned transports, the whole column was stopped and the road effectively blocked. — British Wireless.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone remains in the Pacific to the east of Japan; another of slight intensity has developed over North China. The depression is situated in the vicinity of Kiusiu, moving eastward.

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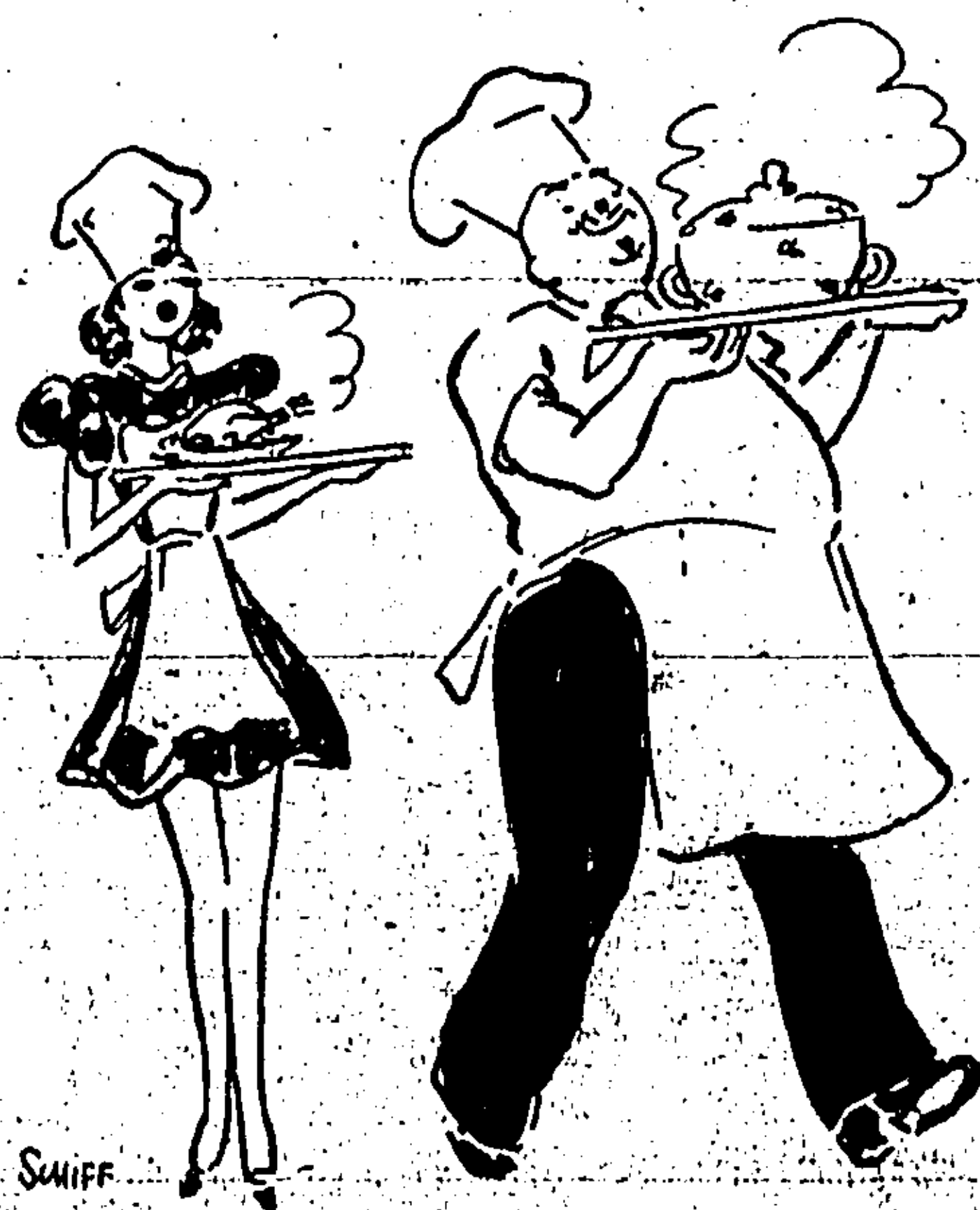
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**LATEST LIST
 OF CHURCHILL
 WAR TEAM**

London, To-day.

Further Ministerial appointments in the Churchill Government were announced from 10, Downing Street last night, as follows:—

Attorney-General—Sir Donald Somervell.
 Solicitor-General—Sir William Jo-witt.
 Paymaster-General—Viscount Cran-borne.
 Under-Secretary for Foreign Af-fairs—Mr. R. A. Butler.
 Under-Secretary for the Dominions—Mr. G. H. Shakespeare.
 Under-Secretary for the Colonies—Mr. G. H. Hall.
 Secretary for Overseas Trade—Mr. T. Harcourt Johnstone.
 Pensions—Sir Walter Womersley.
 Postmaster-General—Mr. W. S. Mor-rison.
 Lord Advocate—Mr. T. M. Cooper.
 Financial Secretary to the Treasury—Capt. H. F. C. Crookshank.
 Secretary for Petroleum—Mr. Geof-frey Lloyd.
 Civil Lord of the Admiralty—Capt. A. U. M. Hudson.
 The following Parliamentary Secre-taries have been appointed:—
 Education—Mr. James Ede.
 Supply—Mr. Harold MacMillan.
 Agriculture—Mr. Tom Williams.
 Food—Mr. Robert Boothby.
 Aircraft Production—Col. J. J. Lle-wellin.
 Home Security—Mr. William Ma-bane.
 Air—Capt. Harold Balfour.
 Board of Trade—Major Gwyllim Lloyd George.
 Shipping—Sir Arthur Salter.
 Health—Miss Florence Horsburgh.
 Secretary for Mines... Mr. David Grenfell.
 The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava and Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd asked to be excused from office because they are of military age.
 Lord Caldecote will lead in the House of Lords.

The new Government comprises 29 Conservatives, 11 Labourites, four Simon Liberals, three Opposition Liberals, one National Labourite, and seven National representatives like Lord Hankey, Sir John Reith, Lord Beaverbrook and Lord Woolton.
 Notable among previous Ministers who have not yet received new of-fices are Sir Samuel Hoare, Lord Zetland, and Lord Stanhope.
 Arrangements will have to be made to find a seat for a non-member, Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, who is a sup-porter of Sir Archibald Sinclair.—Reuter.

**BRITISH TRADE AT
 RECORD HIGH FIGURES**

London, To-day.
 Britain's April overseas trade im-ports totalled £109,986,119, the high-est since October 1929, and exports amounted to £48,299,823, the highest since July, 1930.
 Re-exports totalled £4,434,290, the highest since the war began.—Reuter.

**BROADCAST MADE
 FROM BUCKINGHAM
 PALACE**

London, To-day.
 Queen Wilhelmina's broadcast was made from Buckingham Palace and afterwards the Dutch National An-them was played.—Reuter.

**LINERS FOR AMERICA
 ALL BOOKED UP**

Rome, To-day.
 All American ships leaving Italy are fully booked, mostly by American refugees from Holland and Belgium.—Reuter.

**BLOCKADE
 TASK MADE
 EASIER**

London, To-day.
 A Ministry of Economic War-fare official stated yesterday that the contraband control bases at the Downs and Kirkwall are be-ing closed.
 A skeleton staff may be kept at Kirkwall.
 The official explained the new position in the shipping world resulting from the German in-vasion of Norway and the Low Countries was responsible.
 Much of the shipping of these countries was now available to the Allies.—Reuter.

**11 PER CENT.
 INCREASE IN
 U.S. NAVY**

Washington, To-day.

The Senate naval commit-tee has issued a report en-dorsing the proposed 11 per cent. increase in the navy and urging the modernisation of air, naval and submarine bases on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

The report says: "Serious considera-tion should be given to the question of acquiring, if possible, places in the Caribbean area for additional United States naval bases."

"A fleet air base in the south-east corner of the Caribbean would un-doubtedly add to the security of that area as well as to the ability of the United States Fleet to insure the in-tegrity of the Monroe Doctrine."
 The committee decided the United States is not vulnerable to direct at-tack by any means "save those with which a thoroughly modern navy and air force can deal adequately."—Reu-ter.

**NAZI D.E.I.
 CONCOCTION**

London, To-day.

Allegations from German sources are circulating in Japan that large numbers of British tourists from Malaya are landing in the Dutch East Indies.

These tourists are said to be Bri-tish soldiers, with many officers among them, and are compared to the German tourists who were the advance guard of the German inva-sion of Norway.

It is authoritatively stated here these German stories are wholly false.

No British soldiers, either in uni-form or civilian clothing, are land-ing, or have landed, anywhere in the Dutch East Indies.—Reuter.

RATION CUTS

London, To-day
 Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food, last broadcast an announcement of the following reductions in the weekly ration allowances:—

Butter, from eight to four ounces.
 Sugar, from 12 to eight ounces.
 Bacon will soon also be reduced.
 Glucose will be rationed from June 1.
 The reduction in the sugar allow-ance was necessitated by the failure of the West Indies crop.—Reuter.
 Lord Woolton concluded: "Whatever happens you shall have food. That is my responsibility. I am satisfied with our stock and transport plans. Let the Nazis know this—they can-not starve us."—British Wireless

Greatest Battle Since Last War Now Raging GERMANS HURLED BACK INTO RIVER At Several Points

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE MOST VIOLENT BATTLE SINCE THE LAST WAR IS RAGING ON A FRONT EXTENDING FROM THE RHINE ESTUARY TO THE SWISS BORDER.

German forces advancing from Maastricht have been held up by French motorised units on a line situated east of Brussels to Namur.

GERMAN BREAK THROUGH AT SEDAN

Paris, To-day.

The Battle of the Meuse, from Namur to Sedan, has been raging furiously all day, and the French War Office spokesman last night described it as "a great hurricane."

The enemy is hurling formidable forces into the battle and is attacking on the whole front more on the lines of the Polish campaign than those of 1914.

The Germans are using relatively little artillery but are pushing forward at great speed with armoured motorised columns and are employing enormous masses of planes which are bombing and machinegunning the French infantry, who, said the spokesman, resisted admirably but, faced at certain points with an overwhelming mass of tanks, they had to give way.

Break Through

During the day enemy tank columns broke through the French lines at three points south of Sedan, on the left bank of the Meuse.

The tanks which broke through spread out fanwise in all directions, causing a general melee which lasted all day.

As French tanks counter-attacked, the French infantry, after the German armoured columns had passed, closed in on the supporting enemy troops. In the ensuing struggle there was furious hand-to-hand fighting.

War Of Movement

The German attack has changed the war of position behind fortified lines into a war of movement. Enemy attacks now take the form of a spear-head drive of the tank corps which try to penetrate the lines with infantry following.

This change in the character of the war, it was announced in Paris last night, has involved a reorganisation of the French dispositions which the High Command has now carried out.—Reuter.

Quiet Confidence

All day yesterday new dispositions were being taken to stop the advance

The German vanguards have contacted the Allies at Genbloux, about 15 kilometres north-west of Namur, on the road to Brussels.

The German attack was repulsed by the Allies, who inflicted great losses on the enemy, particularly among the German mechanised units.

Between Namur and Sedan, on the River Meuse, the battle has been raging for two days with the inevitable fluctuations inherent in large operations involving considerable numbers of effectives.

North of Dinant the Germans succeeded in reaching the left bank of the Meuse at two or three points and have established small ports.

French troops immediately counter-attacked and regained their positions, which were consolidated.

Sedan Battle

In the Sedan region, a huge battle is taking place in which the crack troops of the German army are engaged. These troops advanced through Luxemburg and the Ardennes and arrived at the Meuse via Bastogne and Neufchateau.

The Germans succeeded in cross-

ing the river and advanced six kilometres south of Sedan.

In the course of the afternoon the French counter-attacked, retaking the conquered area and throwing the enemy back into the river.

So heavy have German air losses been, it is declared here, that the German High Command has been forced to retain most of its bombers for the decisive phase of the battle.—Havas.

Very serious fighting is taking place at Sedan, where the Germans have crossed the river and are in possession of a portion of the defensive zone

Air Marvels

Military circles emphasise the marvellous feats of the Allied air forces in the battle.

Allied air action is having its effect on the German air force, whose raids on the Allied back areas are becoming less intensive.

So heavy have German air losses been, it is declared here, that the German High Command has been forced to retain most of its bombers for the decisive phase of the battle.—Havas.

Serious Fighting

London, To-day.

Competent military circles in London state the Allied left flank in Belgium will now be resting on the bastion of Antwerp and the River Scheldt.

Continuing south, the Allies are holding positions covering Brussels and attacks, which are heavy in some places, are developing.

Very serious fighting is taking place at Sedan, where the Germans have crossed the river and are in possession of a portion of the defensive zone

DESTROYER HIT BY BOMB

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announce that the British destroyer *Valentine* was damaged by air attack off the Dutch coast and beached. Details of casualties have not yet been received but are believed to be slight.—Reuter.

thereabout.

It is denied that the Maginot Line has been turned or broken. Sedan does not form part of the Maginot Line.

In Holland, it is understood Zeeland is still in our hands.—Reuter.

French Admission

Paris, To-day.

A French communique says at several points there were violent enemy tank attacks on British, French and Belgian troops from Antwerp to north-west of Namur. All were repulsed.

On the Meuse, between Mezieres and Namur, the enemy succeeded in crossing the river at several points and fighting continues.

In the neighbourhood of Sedan, where the enemy made some progress, counter-attacks with tanks, supported by aerial bombardments, are taking place.

Further east there is artillery action.

Our aviation continued its reconnaissances. Fighters intervened, notably to protect the missions of our bombers.

During engagements 11 enemy aircraft were shot down.—Reuter.

Enormous Losses

Paris, To-day.

While it is stated here that the Germans on Tuesday succeeded in crossing the Meuse at several points north of Dinant and south of Sedan, it is added the Allied counter-attacks, strongly supported by the air force, threw back part of the attackers into the river with enormous losses.—Reuter.



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WHAT IS WRONG WITH BRITISH PROPAGANDA?

ONE morning my friend Sir Walter Monckton, the lawyer who directs the Press and Censorship Bureau, feeling rather more concerned than usual about a piece of news that had been stopped, betook himself to the Air Ministry to see about it. The pundits there brought in a junior officer in Air Force uniform who said he was the person who had stopped publication of the news.

As the young officer retired a newspaperman who had accompanied Sir Walter said:

"There is your master. You may be Sir Walter Monckton, K. C., Chief of Censorship and all that ... but there that junior officer in uniform he is your master! He has more power than you."

And that's about the first thing that's wrong with British propaganda—whether it be telling the news through the Press Bureau, interpreting it through the Ministry of Information, or censoring the stream of news and articles that flows through the Press and other channels of publicity. The brass-hats of the Service Departments put on a stranglehold at the start of the war. They still keep their grip. They are losing us the War of Words.

They are not to be blamed for wanting to get on with the job of fighting and winning the war; but they are to be blamed for not seeing that this war is different from all others and that the new Fourth Arm—which conducts the War of Words—is all-important, and that their willing co-operation with those who understand the technique of that warfare is essential for victory.

There has been little sign of any such co-operation on the part of the higher-ups. They have not seen the way the world is going since the last great war. They have the distaste and disdain for the Press and publicity common to their kind since the Crimea. They are quite good fellows really, but incapable of looking at the Press, the Radio, or the Film, as anything but nuisances.

One of them, with whom in all other things I got on admirably, once unbent to try and see my point of view. After a long pow-wow he agreed to go to higher authority at the Admiralty, and present my case for the release of a certain piece of news.

He came back in a few hours. "I have presented your case to the best of my ability," he said, "and I am happy to tell you I have lost". Now, what can you do with folk like that?

It was at such heartbreaking moments of failure that one wondered what had happened to the civil power in this democratic country. What on earth were the functions and authority of the Ministry of Information and the Press Bureau? Where were such scintillating stars of representative government as Winston Churchill, Kingsley Wood and Hore-Bellisha?

After all, they were trustees of the civil power set up by the people which still runs in this country, although they happened momentarily to be Ministerial heads of Service Departments.

Alas, they had been chloroformed

like us smaller fry—chloroformed and beaten. It was no good us plain-clothes newspapermen at the Press Bureau, not allowed to approach the gods in Whitehall, trying to storm the fortress of the admirals and the generals and the marshals when such political bigwigs had failed.

A sour, lethargic stupor seemed to enwrap us pressmen all. We took comfort (though pretty cold comfort since we were anxious only to be free to tell Britain's story and glory to the whole world) from the fact that bigger stuff than ourselves had failed to breach the Service strongholds.

In turn, Esmond Harmsworth, boss of the mighty "Daily Mail," had failed; Lord Camrose, architect of the modern thriving "Daily Telegraph," had failed; Walter Fish, as slick and competent a news man as ever came out of Fleet Street, had failed. William Will, the newspaper owners' watchdog, had struggled like the veteran war-horse he is, but had met mostly with frustration. I be-

By
TOM CLARKE

lately Chief of News Division at
Press & Censorship Bureau

lieve he still goes on indulging in the only luxury free even in war time to all mankind—HOPE.

Lord Beaverbrook was wiser than some of us. From the start he gave a wide berth to the Ministry of Information and its anemic offspring the Press Bureau. He must have been amused at the discomfiture of those who rushed in where angels feared to tread. Would Beaverbrook have failed, too? Could he have broken the stranglehold of the brass-hats?

I wonder. I think it's a pity he didn't try. He is a master propagandist of our times. If I had my way, I would conscript men like Beaverbrook and put them in charge of our propaganda. After all, our immediate job is to set about winning this war, without bothering as to our domestic political differences. They can wait.

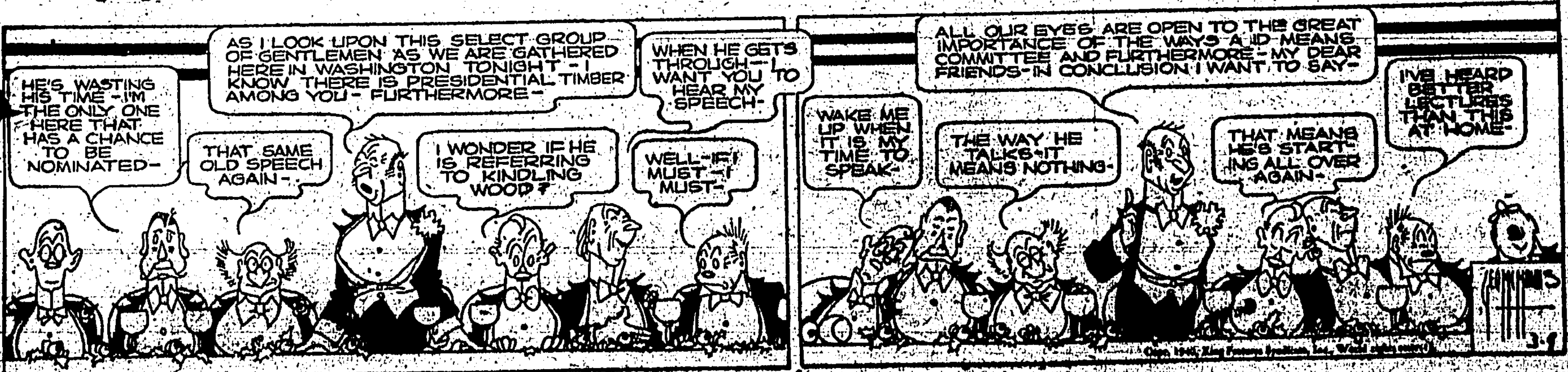
Propaganda as I see it should aim clearly at three things:—

1. ON THE HOME FRONT: Stimulating and maintaining the people's interest in the war and giving them spirit and confidence. (In one word, MORALE.)
2. IN THE ENEMY COUNTRY: to foster a spirit of defeatism without lying.
3. IN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES: To bring about an atmosphere favourable to our proclaimed cause.

We British are good propagandists only by accident. True, we got away with it in the last war, when people like Northcliffe and Beaverbrook (Continued on Page 11)

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



THEY TRIED TO BEARD A "SPY"

An American war correspondent was shaving with an electric razor in an hotel just behind the front line when two detectives walked in and demanded to see his secret wireless transmitter.

After a thorough but vain search they informed him that he had been denounced by his landlord who had declared that a buzzing sound, resembling that coming from a wireless transmitter, came from his room.

"Will this be the sound?" the American asked as he switched on his razor and resumed his shave.

That was the "suspicious" sound and the detectives left the hotel satisfied that the American was no wireless spy.

The American changed his hotel as soon as he had finished shaving.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH BRITISH PROPAGANDA?

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were called in. The Germans have, to a certain degree, copied their methods, with this one big difference (and it's a difficulty our propagandists have to meet)—that the Germans think lying is effective propaganda, and that, biggest lies are best. That's not our idea.

But if we don't lie—and I'll take my oath from my own experience behind the scenes that we don't—how are we going to meet the avalanche of Hitlerian untruths? Only by telling our own people and the world, quickly, and in language the people can understand, the news of the war, good, bad or indifferent. News is, and always will be, the best propaganda. We should get the news truth out at once, not wait on Hitler for his lie.

Do you think we have been telling the news as quickly and as intelligently as we might, either at home or abroad? How could it be so with uniformed brasshats and unimaginative pundits of the Civil Service in charge of the news avenues, trying to do a job they neither like nor understand, and crabbing the efforts of civilian publicity experts who know their job and their public?

These brasshats and Civil Servants are estimable people on their own cabbage patch, but they are elephants when they get lost among the news.

They hate, too, the essential touch of showmanship. It's vulgar, they say. Well, as I told many of them, "This is a vulgar war, and it won't be won by polite private and confidential minutes."

When it was established, the original Ministry of Information was sound in its conception, its purpose and, to a greater extent than was believed, in its working staff. Where it was proved wrong was at the top. Bureaucracy got a grand innings, and we others were never allowed to do the work the Government had called us in for.

You can't run news or propaganda in war time with niggling, frightened bureaucracy at every door. Yes, every door. Yet that's how it was, and maybe is yet for anything I know.

Once I came across a red-tape snag which barred my doing something I thought necessary in the interests of war winning. I went to the big-pot who was holding me up.

"But what I want to do is plain common-sense," I said.

"That may be," he smiled, "but it's against the rules."

"Well, damn it, let's get the rules altered," I said.

"Good lord, you can't do that," he said.

Now how is our war propaganda to succeed if we are to continue coming against stupidity like that? I ask you.

U.S. CORNERING SHIPPING TRADE

Europe, after the war, will be startled to learn that America has seized a great share of the world's shipping business, warns the German Transport News of Hamburg.

While Britain and Germany are doing their utmost to destroy each other's ships, America is building ships at an increased rate, states the newspaper.

"Europe, after the war, will have to calculate with North and South America as entirely new factors in the shipping business," it adds.—Associated Press.

H.E. LEAVING ON SUNDAY

An official notification states:—Acting under medical advice His Excellency the Governor is taking short leave of absence from the Colony.

Sir Geoffrey and Lady Northcote attended by Captain S. H. Batty-Smith, intend to proceed in the first instance to a hill-station in Ceylon, their subsequent movements being guided by circumstances.

His Excellency's departure will be unofficial; he and Lady Northcote will arrive at Queen's Pier in order to take leave of their friends at 9.45 a.m. on Sunday next, May 19.

POLICE RAID TRIADS

A secret meeting of an unlawful organisation was dispersed by a Police party, under Inspector A. E. Carey, yesterday when a raid was carried out on No. 48, Nan Chong Street, Shamshui-po.

Thirty-five persons were arrested and a quantity of documents relating to activities of triad societies, were confiscated by the Police.

Ten of the arrested persons have been banished, while the remainder were discharged later.

It is understood one man will be charged at the Kowloon Magistracy to-morrow morning.

GIRL IN HARBOUR SEQUEL

Two Chinese women, Wong Sap-yi, 34, and Wong Sap-sam, 28, were before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, charged with failing to notify the S.C.A. when bringing a ward Mak Kau-wah, 15, girl, into the Colony, and with possession of the ward.

Mr. H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., said that the Inspector-on-Duty at No. 2, Police Station, sent the girl to the S.C.A. on May 6, after she had attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour.

This was the second time the girl had attempted to commit suicide, but she refused to give her reason.

Defendants were remanded till to-morrow.

SCISSORS ATTACK

Charged with assault, Ho Hon-kwan, 46, was sentenced to a month's hard labour and ordered to be expelled from the Colony by Mr. E. Himsforth this morning.

Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston said that at 5 a.m. Tuesday, Lai Cham-mui, 31, went to accused's divan and smoked 20 cents of opium. Later he wanted another ten cents' worth but was told by accused that he must take at least 20 cents.

An argument ensued and Lai was stabbed on the head with a pair of scissors by accused.

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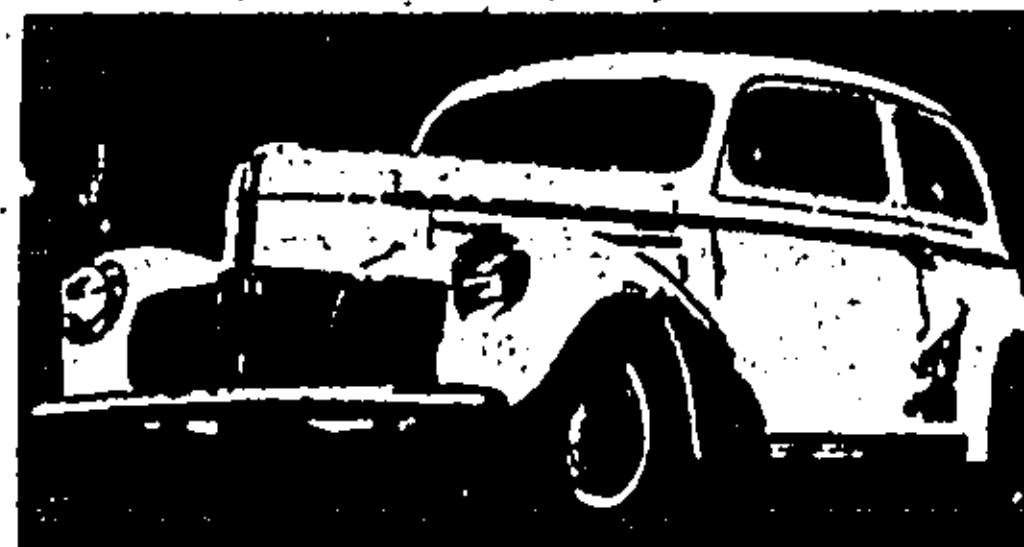
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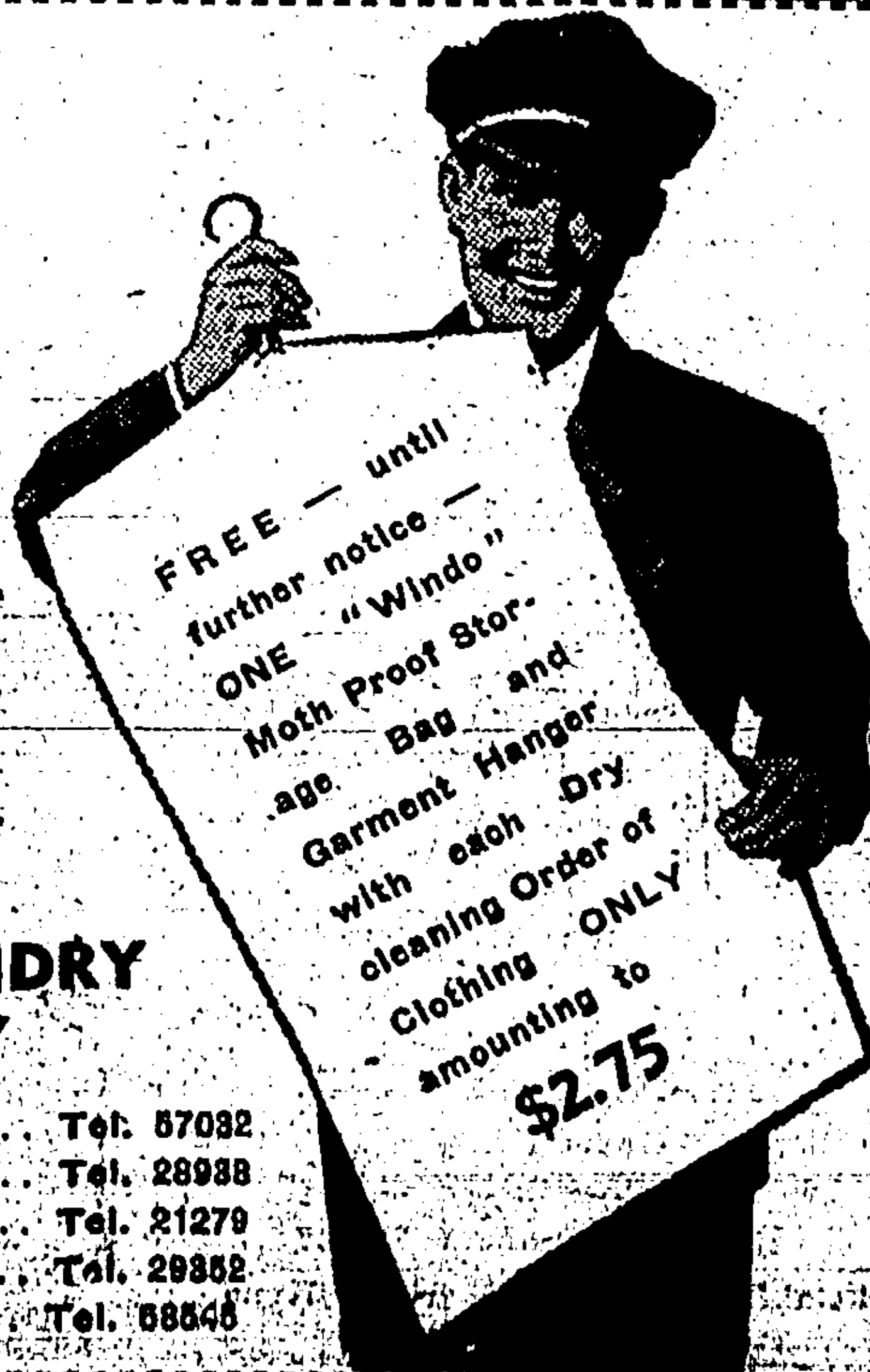
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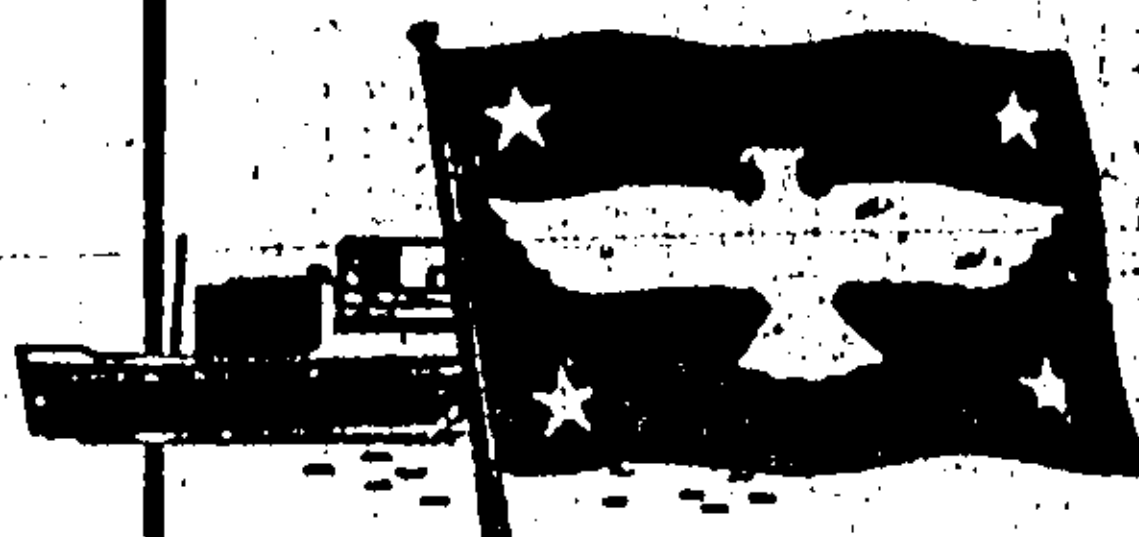
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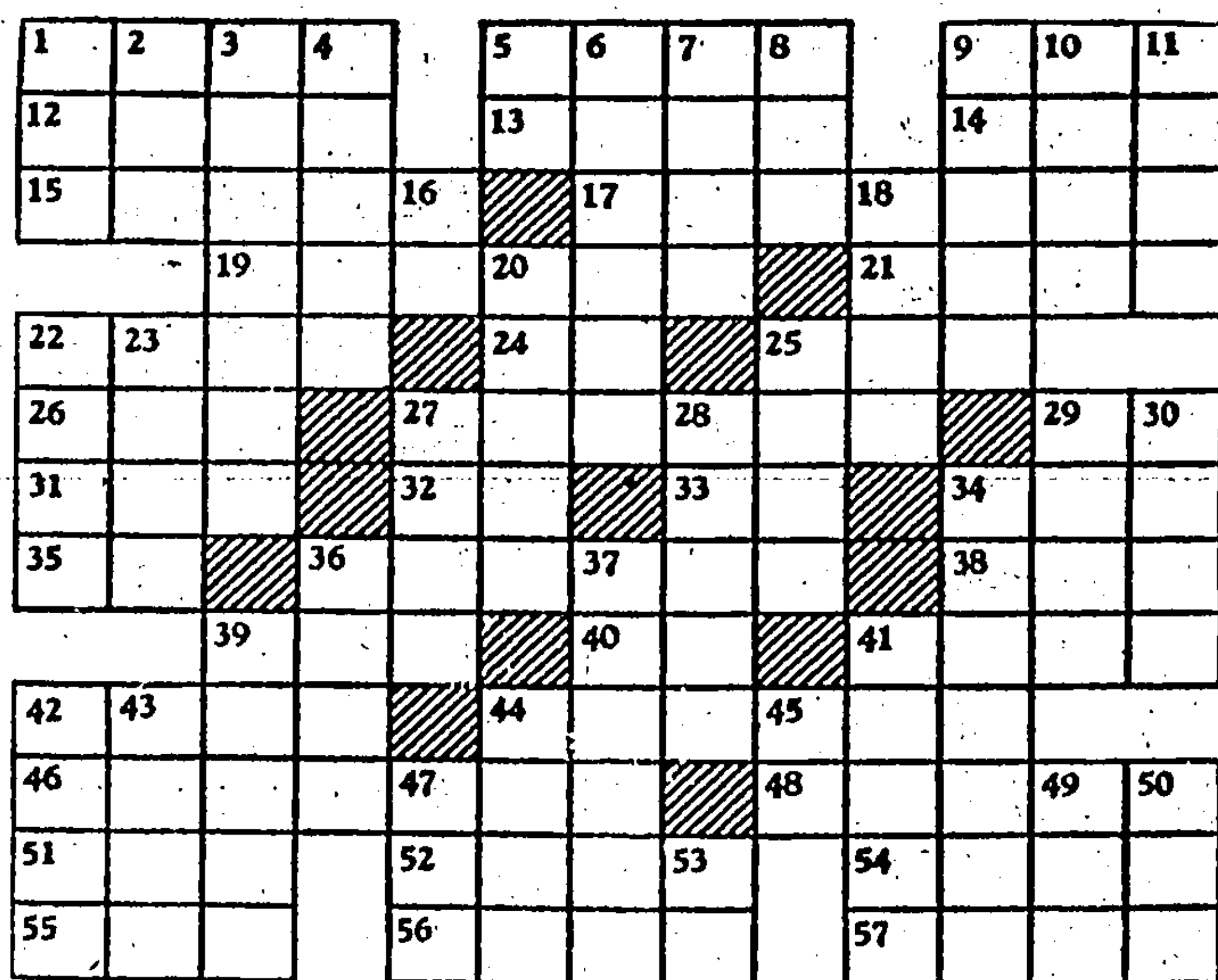
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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Male deer
- 5 Facts
- 9 Ecclesiastical vestment
- 12 Wing-shaped
- 13 Eskars
- 14 Body of water
- 15 Surgical thread
- 17 Gashed
- 19 South American creeping plant
- 21 French priest
- 22 Plum-like fruit
- 24 Sloth
- 25 Poetic: nightfall
- 26 Relation
- 27 Joined
- 29 Symbol for calcium
- 31 Corners
- 32 Forty
- 33 Symbol for oleum
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- 35 Hebrew letter
- 36 Bricklayers
- 38 Artificial language
- 39 Honey
- 40 Greek letter
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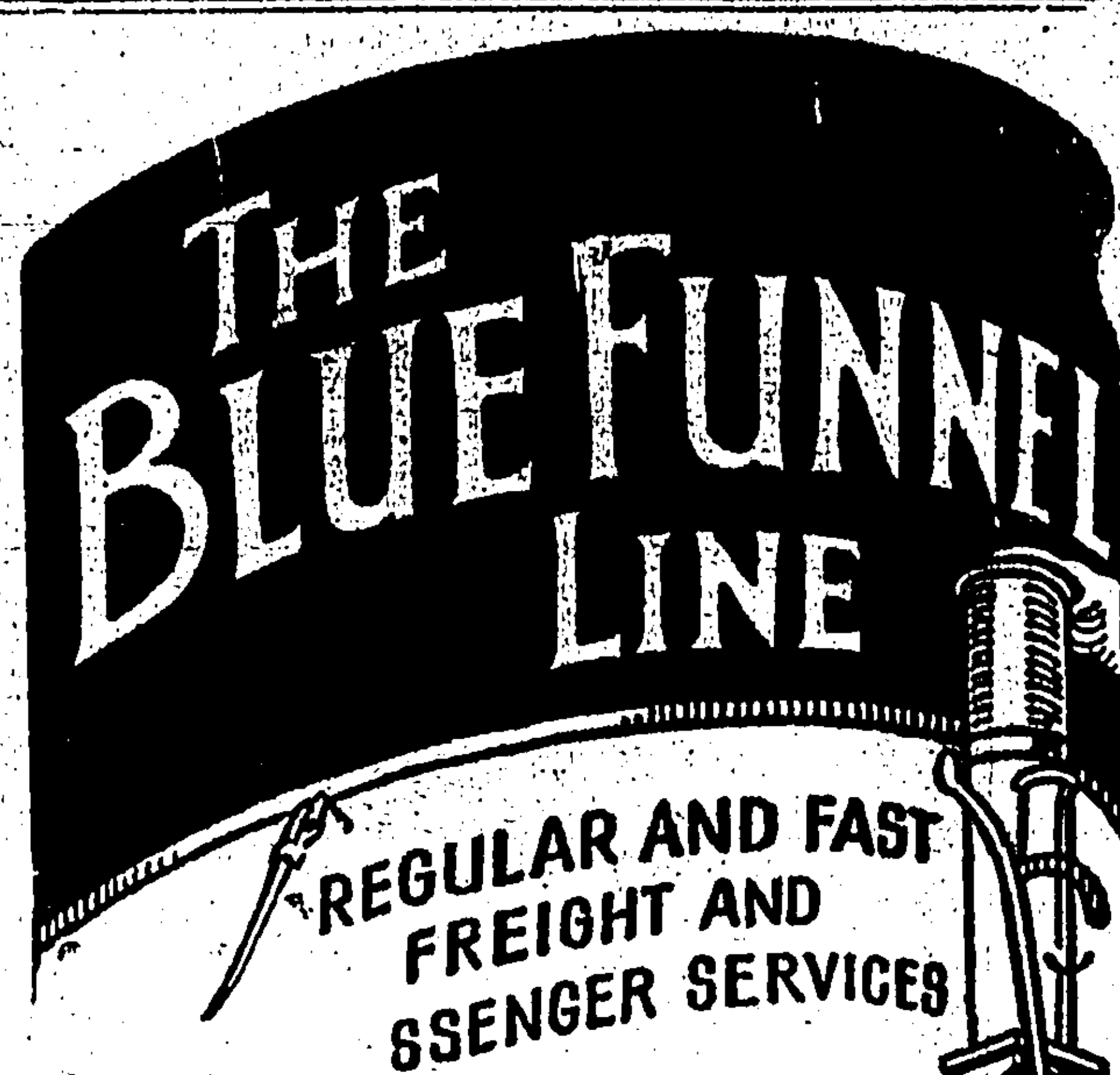
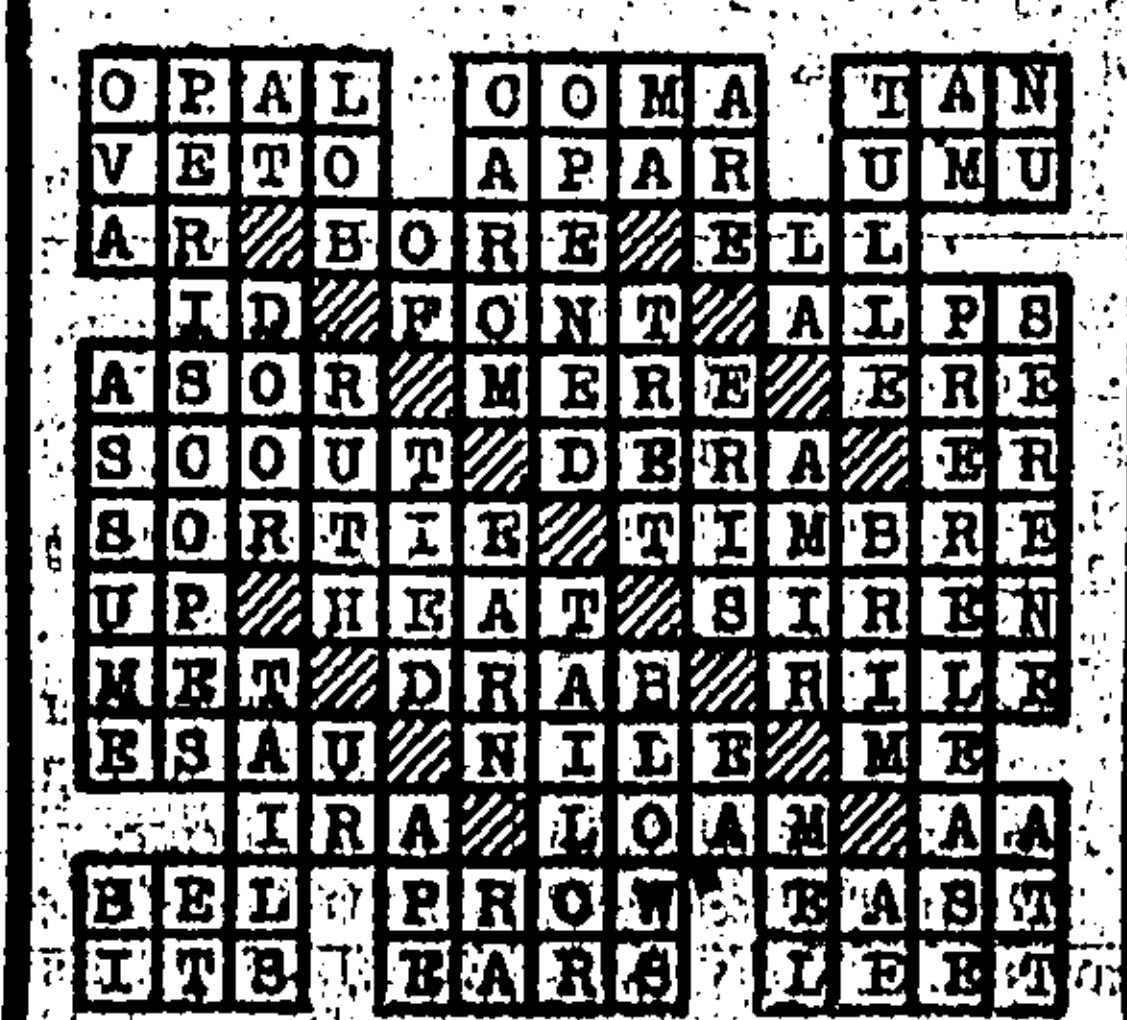
- 46 Wine-merchant
- 48 Black Sea lagoon
- 51 Poetic: to uncloze
- 52 Persia
- 54 Alley
- 55 Strife
- 56 Mexican dollar
- 57 Wife of Geraint

VERTICAL

- 1 Possesses
- 2 Beverage
- 3 Provides with food
- 4 Figurative use
- 5 To accomplish
- 6 To attack
- 7 Soft stone
- 8 Constellation
- 9 Gray
- 10 To look askance

- 11 Ordered
- 16 Compass point
- 18 Hastened
- 20 Summons
- 22 To omit
- 23 Slender rope
- 25 Snake-like fish
- 27 Pertaining to an axis
- 28 King of verse
- 29 Moslem judge
- 30 Ox of Celebes
- 34 Stoker
- 36 To dissolve
- 37 Musical dramas
- 39 Ore
- 41 Roman magistrate
- 42 To acknowledge
- 43 Scandinavian ptarmigan
- 44 Withered
- 45 Spanish article
- 47 To bite
- 49 Tropical blackbird
- 50 Short for Edward
- 58 Negative

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"Fuh, not factory! Tears, not towers! Plaudits, not plans!" With that response, Roland Young, currently appearing with Pat O'Brien and Olympe Bradna in Paramount's "The Night of Nights" at the Queen's Theatre, informed his father that he would be an actor, not an architect.

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M. BLUM ON SOCIALISM IN THE WAR

BOURNEMOUTH, TO-DAY.
"I DON'T KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO CAPITALISM IF WE LOSE THE WAR, BUT I DO KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO SOCIALISM IF HITLER TRIUMPHS," SAID M. LEON BLUM, THE FRENCH SOCIALIST LEADER AND FORMER PREMIER, IN A SPEECH AT THE RESUMED CONFERENCE HERE YESTERDAY OF THE LABOUR PARTY.

Wherever this "mechanised Attila" has passed over, the workers' rights and institutions have been destroyed.

Rumours that France had ceased to be a democracy and was now a military tyranny were "ridiculous." The death penalty was not for propaganda, but for treason. He hinted at further measures to deal with sabotage and treachery in France.

He said that the French could see no difference between the Communists and the Nazis, and, indeed, it was a fact that Nazi planes had dropped Communist pamphlets over France.

The French and British peoples did not need a lesson in courage. They wanted calm energy and prompt resolve, so that they would not be broken in their resistance to Hitler.—Reuter.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

BANKS	
Hong Kong Bank	\$1470/60 sa.
INSURANCES	
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$175 s.
SHIPPING	
H.K. Steamboats	\$11 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.	
H.K. Docks Rights	\$6½ s.
Providents	\$4/4.05 sa.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	
Humphreys	\$8 b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
China Lights (Old)	\$7½ sa.
H.K. Electrics	\$64¼ s.
Telephones (Old)	\$27¾ s.
MISCELLANEOUS	
Entertainments	\$7.30 b.
LAST DAY'S SALES	
5 H.K. Banks	@ \$1470
10 H.K. Banks	@ \$1460
500 Lights (Old)	@ \$7½
40 Star Ferries	@ \$63
MANILA SHARES	
Antamoks Ps.	.08¼ sa.
Atoks Ps.	.13¼ b.
Baguio Gold Ps.	.16 sa.
Batong Buhay Ps.	.0085 sa.
Big Wedge Ps.	.15 sa.
Coco Grove Ps.	.06¼ sa.
Consol. Mines Ps.	.0015 sa.
Demonstrations Ps.	.05½ b.
I.X.L. Ps.	.26 sa.
Ipo Gold Ps.	.05 sa.
Itogons Ps.	.16½ b.
Masbates Ps.	.07 sa.
Mind. Mother Lode Ps.	.06¼ b.
Mine Operation Ps.	.06 b.
San Mauricio Ps.	.51 sa.
Surigao Consol. Ps.	.14½ sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps.	.10 sa.
United Paracales Ps.	.16½ sa.

RUSH TO JOIN LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS

London, To-day.
Police officials all over the country have been overwhelmed by volunteers for the "Local Defence Volunteers," who are to tackle parachute troops if and when they try to land in Britain.

Men between the ages of 17 and 65 are invited to join. Their duties will be part-time and unpaid. They will be given uniforms and arms and are wanted chiefly for the more sparsely populated areas.—Reuter.

ALLIES CLOSING ON NARVIK

London, To-day.

A Norwegian High Command communique announces that Allied troops have taken Elogardsmoere, which is just south of Bjerkvik, which, as announced yesterday, has also been occupied. Norwegian troops have also been active.

Allied troops are closing in round Narvik, and the French commander in this sector reports that the Germans have been retreating steadily in the past few days.

They have no heavy artillery, but have plenty of machine-guns. They are completely separated from other German forces in Northern Norway.

The commander expresses his complete certainty that the situation is extremely difficult for the Germans. Daily supplies landed by Nazi planes were not enough.

In view of the excellent defence positions at Narvik, however, and to avoid unnecessary loss of life, operations will continue to be slow but sure.—Reuter.

Somewhere in Norway, To-day.

A Norwegian communique announces that the Allied troops have occupied Elvegaardsmoen and Oryfjoud and roads surrounding Herjangen, while Norwegian troops have occupied the Vassdal Mountains and are advancing further into the mountains south of Bukkedalen.

The Norwegian telegraph agency says this means the enemy has been forced to retreat southwards of the mountains.—Reuter.

GAOL SENTENCE FOR EX-FIREMAN

Formerly attached to the Kowloon Fire Brigade, Chan Hing, 30, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsworth this morning for demanding \$2 from Wong Chuen, 17, stall foki, with menaces.

Accused demanded \$2 tea money from Wong, who was riding a bicycle with no light at 11 p.m. on Tuesday in Boundary Street. Wong promised to pay the following morning at a tea shop.

Wong went with his master, who suspected accused and informed the police.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted at 23-1/16 spot and 22-15/16 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at £U.S.\$3.23-3/4.

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GIRL, 16, FOUND SHOT ON FARM

Police are making inquiries about the death of Ira Gwillam, aged sixteen, of Henllyn Farm, Cwmyoy, near Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, who has died in hospital from gunshot wounds.

The girl, it is stated, was feeling ill, and went with her sister to see a doctor.

Later she was walking through a meadow towards the farmhouse. Her brother, who had been working in the field found her sitting on a stone in the garden of the house.

She was wounded and in a very distressed condition. About sixty yards away from her was found a single-barrel shot-gun.

The girl was attended by a doctor and afterwards taken to hospital.

She was the daughter of a well-known farmer, who has lived in the district many years.

MAKES OWN MOUNTAIN

New York, May 3.

Mahomet had to go to the mountain, but in Hollywood the all-powerful producer, Cecil B. De Mille, has made a mountain come to him.

De Mille, who always does things in a big way, sat on his mountain today among 1,150 pine trees planted in earth and paper-mache soil.

Deciding that it was too much trouble to move to a distant mountain for the filming of "North-West Mounted Police," De Mille spent more than £60,000 building his mountain in the studio grounds.

It is the biggest set ever constructed in Hollywood, rivalling a private ocean built several weeks ago.

Realising that all the best mountains have trees, De Mille engaged an army of lumbermen to cut down 1,150 trees from the nearby countryside and transport them to his mountain.

LIKE FLOWERS IN POT

These have been planted like flowers in a pot, and some are forty feet high. After ten days the trees will wilt, as they are without roots, so the

SITUATION AT SEA

London, To-day.

Denying German claims of successes at sea, the Admiralty state no British warship has been sunk, set on fire or seriously damaged since the German invasion of the Low Countries, with the exception of the submarine Seal.

German claims of losses or serious damage by air attack to transports and merchant ships are equally untrue.

No mishap has befallen any British transport or supply ship during the Netherlands campaign.—Reuter.



Dieting Dot says if her income would add up the way her weight does she'd soon be relieved of all financial worry.



That's Roland Young, coming through with a big hand for his co-stars, Pat O'Brien and Olympe Bradna, in the course of "The Night of Nights" Paramount's drama of heartbreak and glory on Broadway, which is now playing at the Queen's Theatre.

BLOWING UP NEW YORK

Nazi Youth's Story

BUFFALO, N.Y., MAY 6.

A 16-YEAR, OLD GERMAN BOY, IDENTIFIED AS HENRY VOIGT, OF LAHE, GERMANY, WHO DESERTED THE SCUTTLED GERMAN LINER COLUMBUS, AND WHO IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE HAD HELPED A GERMAN SPY FRIEND TO PHOTOGRAPH "EVERYTHING WORTH BLOWING UP" IN NEW YORK CITY, IS BEING HELD BY IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES HERE ON A DEPORTATION WARRANT.

A detective characterized the youth's spy story as fantastic, adding that the "Federal Bureau of Investigation agents must have thought so too, or they wouldn't have turned him over to the immigration department," F.B.I. agents admitted turning the German over to the immigration authorities after questioning him, but declined further comment.

The lad said he did not know the name of his spy friend, and that he had come to Buffalo to keep a rendezvous with a Nazi spy. He presumably referred to the same person.—Reuter.

GRAF SPEE OFFICERS ESCAPE

Officers of the Graf Spee are to be interned on the island of Martin Garcia by the Argentine Government, it was announced in Buenos Aires.

The officers refused to give their words of honour not to leave a 31-mile radius of the capital without permission.

The crew will remain at their present locations until they are gradually absorbed into the provinces.

IN DISGUISE

The Argentine Government's action follows the escape of one captain and two lieutenants of the Graf Spee.

They dressed in civilian clothes, walked out of the marine arsenal, lost the immigration offices, and disappeared. On the same day two sailors obtained leave, and they have not returned yet.

Those affected by the Government's decision include Captain Walter Kay, second in command of the Graf Spee, 32 officers, and 210 warrant officers. There are also 400 sailors.

The Ministry of the Interior reports that it has received information from Santos, Brazil, that the captain of the liner Neptunia has handed to the authorities two Graf Spee stowaways found on his ship.

A report from Santa Fe, says that two of the group of Graf Spee sailors recently sent there have also disappeared.

WAR HAS RUFFLED WOMEN'S HAIR-CONSCIOUSNESS

Women don't care what happens to their hair these days — and it's all owing to the war.

That is what Mrs. Edith Western, a women's hairdresser, of Myddelton-square, London, E.C., told Mr. Registrar Friend at Clerkenwell County Court.

"Before the war I had two businesses; now I have only one. I am running it single-handed, and some days I take only 2s. 6d. or 3s. 6d." said Mrs. Western.

The Registrar: But hair grows and has to be cut.

Mrs. Western: Women who have not been evacuated have so much to pay for their children who have gone away that they are letting their hair grow or having it cut at home.

OPENS TO-DAY AT THE KING'S

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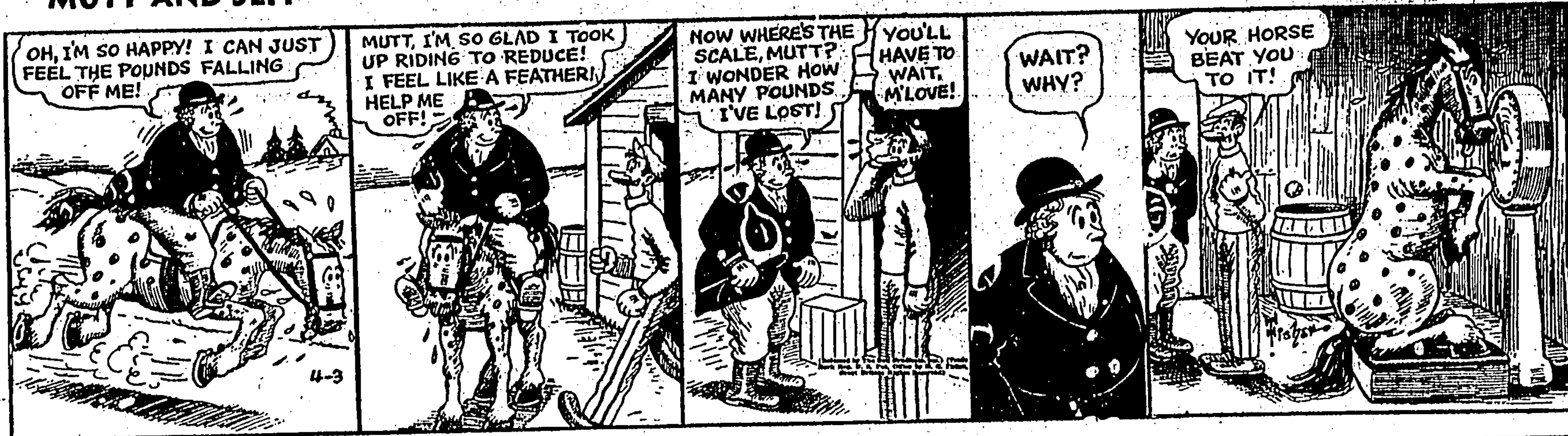
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5.45 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
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6.47 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.
Fox-Trot—Moon Over Miami
(Burke, Leslie)...Roy Smeck &
His Serenaders.
Waltz—Song of the Islands (King)
...The Moana Serenaders.
Hawaiian Fox-Trots—Honolulu
Stars and Hawaiian Guitars; A
Little Rendezvous in Honolulu...
Roy Smeck & His Hawaiian Ser-
enaders.
7.00 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—She Shall Have Music
(from the film); Do The Run-
around (film 'She shall have mu-
sic')... Jack Hylton's & His Orch.
Quicksteps—Many Happy Returns
of the Day (film 'Music Hath
Charms'); I'm Feeling Happy (film
'Music Hath Charms')... The

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Rag... The Ballyhooligans.
Waltz—The Family Album (from
'To-night at 8.30'—Noel Coward);
Fox-Trot—You Were There ('To-
night at 8.30'—Coward)... The
Phoenix Theatre Orchestra, Lon-
don.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons (Piano)
and His Boy Friends.

You Never Looked So Beautiful
(film 'The Great Ziegfeld'); You
(film 'The Great Ziegfeld'); Let's
Fall in Love (from the film); Love
Is Love, Anywhere (film 'Let's
Fall in Love'); Coronado—Selec-
tion; Thanks a Million—Selection.
8.22 p.m.—Variety Programme with
Arthur Askey, The Duncan Sisters,
Florrie Forde and Others.
Vocal—Oh, An't It Grand to be In
The Navy (from 'All at Sea');
Down At The Hole In The Wall
(Hylton & Others)... Arthur As-
key with Jack Hylton & Some Of
His Boys.
Vocal—Sweet Onion Time In Ber-
muda (Duncan Sisters—Coslow);
Daniel In The Lions' Den (Dun-
can Sisters—Granatt)... The Dun-
can Sisters with two piano accom.
Vocal Gems—Snow White and The
Seven Dwarfs... Chorus and Or-
chestra directed by Jay Wilbur.
Comedienne—Florrie Forde Old
Time Medley... Florrie Forde
with Chorus and Orchestra.
Orch.—Will You Remember—Waltz
(film 'Maytime'); Swing High,
Swing Low (from the film)...
Louis Levy & His Gaumont-Brit-
ish Symphony with Vocal Re-
frain.

Vocal—Congo Lullaby (film 'San-
ders of the River'); Love Me A
Little To-day (Herbert & Brod-
sky)... Comedy Harmonists with
Piano.
Humorous Monologue—The Voice of
Inexperience (Wakefield)... Oli-
ver Wakefield.
Comedians—'Big' and 'Stinker's'
Parlour Games (Askey & Mur-
doch)... Arthur Askey & Richard
Murdoch.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-
mary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—'Vive la
France'.
9.45 p.m.—Cesar Franck—Prelude,
Aria and Finale. Alfred Cortot
(Piano).
10.08 p.m.—Compositions of Sibelius.
Tone-Poem 'Finlandia', Op. 26, No.
7... Leopold Stokowski and the
Philadelphia Orchestra.
Sav, Sav, Susa, Op. 36, No. 4; Flic-
kan Kom Ifran Sin Alsklings
Mote... Marian Anderson (Con-
tralto) with Piano.
Valse Triste—Kuolema... Chicago
Symphony Orchestra cond. by
Frederick Stock.
Karelia Suite—Alla Marcia, Op. 11
... Symphony Orchestra cond. by
Prof. Robert Kajanus.
10.30 p.m.—London Relay—'Eye of
Apollo'. A Father Brown story by
G. K. Chesterton.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



(By The Four Aces)

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THE WORST DEFENCE

B. F. Crane of Elmwood Park, Ill.,
writes: "The following hand, which
occurred at Duplicate, is, I think, one
of the finest examples of the drama
that is Bridge that I have seen in a
long time."

South, Dealer

♠ 10 3
♥ A Q 4
♦ 8 7
♣ K 8 7 6 5 2
♠ 9 5
♥ 8 7 2
♦ A Q 10 6
♣ A 9 4 3
♠ A K J 6 2
♥ K J
♦ 9 5 4 3
♣ Q 10
Mr. Crane

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Both North's and South's bidding
was optimistic, and
a glance at the four
hands indicates little
if any play for the
contract. However,
here is the defence
which gave Declarer
the hand. Almost any
other play would have
beaten it.

HIGH CARD VALUES
OF THE
FOUR-ACE SYSTEM
ACE... 3
KING... 2
QUEEN... 1
JACK... 0
TOTAL VALUE OF FOUR-ACE
SYSTEM HAND 6-10

A heart was opened and won by the
Jack. The Queen of clubs was led.
East won with the Ace and led the ten
of diamonds, which held the trick. A
second diamond was won by West's
Jack and a second heart played and
won by the Ace in dummy. The ten
of spades was led and guessed, losing
to West's Queen. Now West led a third
heart. Declarer won with the Ace in

dummy, discarded a diamond from his
own hand and ran the spades. On the
last spade lead, East—who thought he
was squeezed, discarded his next
to the last club, whereupon South
overtook the ten the clubs with dum-
my's King and made his ninth trick
with the eight of clubs.

You were Merwin Maier's partner
yesterday and held:

♠ —
♥ A K 2
♦ A Q 10 4
♣ A Q 10 9 7 3

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Maier	Burnstone
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Your correct bid is three
diamonds. The hand now shows dis-
tinct Slam possibilities and you
should make an absolutely forcing bid.
Score 100% for three diamonds, 60%
for three clubs (your partner might
conceivably pass), 40% for two dia-
monds, 0 for all immediate raises in
hearts (with only three of partner's
suit you should avoid giving an im-
mediate jump raise if possible.)

QUESTION NO. 411

Howard Schenken is your partner
and again you hold:

♠ A K 3
♥ A Q 10 4
♦ A Q 10 9 7 3

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Burnstone
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer
tomorrow.)

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ANALYSIS OF NAZI CLAIMS

London, To-day.

Analysis of the German
claims to have sunk or seri-
ously damaged British battle-
ships show that, according to
Nazi propaganda figures, 21
of these vessels have fallen
victim to German attack.

As at the outbreak of war, Britain
possessed only fifteen capital ships,
the absurdity of the German claims

becomes immediately apparent.

Indeed it seems the Germans
themselves do not believe their own
claims because on May 7 in broad-
cast to Greece, the German propa-
ganda Ministry stated: "After the
sinking of Royal Oak, Britain possesses
only 14 battleships and will have
nineteen when those under con-
struction are completed."

It is worthy of note that this broad-
cast was given only four days after the
Nazis had claimed to have sunk a Bri-
tish battleship off Norway.

In actual fact, no British capital ship
other than those announced by the
Admiralty—the Royal Oak sunk in
October, 1939, Barham damaged by
torpedo in December 1939, Nelson
damaged by a mine in the same
month, Rodney, superficial damage by
a bomb in April, 1940—has suffered
even superficial damage let alone
been seriously damaged or sunk—
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TENNIS

"C" TITLE LIKELY TO GO TO C.R.C. OR SOUTH CHINA

Causeway Bay Team Have Good Win Over K. Tong

One-Sided Results; Little Interest

YESTERDAY'S "C" DIVISION League tennis matches proved disappointing in that all of the winning teams showed such marked superiority over their opponents that interest were lacking, in most cases, after the first round had been completed.

One fact is now fairly certain, however, that is that the eventual champions will come from one of two clubs—South China and Chinese Recreation Club.

The performance of the latter team yesterday was particularly impressive as they beat Kowloon Tong, strong challengers last year, for the loss of only a set and a half.

GOOD NEWCOMER

Most impressive pair were Marsland Ma and T. C. Chan, who were in splendid form to win all three sets. Ma is well-known as a Colony tournament player, while Chan, a recent arrival from Java, is a polished player who was the outstanding man in the team.

Luk Chung-cheong and Pang Oi-lam also combined very well and only dropped half a point.

Kowloon Tong were no match for C.R.C. despite the fact that they included in their team, two players who had helped to beat Recreio in "B" Division the previous day.

Recreio "B" were never able to do much against South China, and R. M. Soares and L. G. Gosano were the only pair to win a set.

Central British Association put up surprisingly little resistance against Kowloon Indians and only won one set. Norman Whitley was an absentee from the C.B.A. team but it is unlikely that his presence would have made very much difference.

For K.I.T.C., the Hussain brothers were again impressive and their fine understanding enabled them to do pretty well as they liked.

It appears possible that the only team likely to upset either C.R.C. or South China is K.I.T.C.

Recreio "A" started well, against a useful Army team, and won convincingly. Gonsalves and A. E. Noronha were the most impressive Recreio pair and won all three sets.

Emerson and Duffield made a great effort for Army and did very well to win two sets.

THREE CONCEDED SETS

Match between Kowloon Cricket Club and University was extraordinarily disappointing as the latter team turned up a man short. Result was three conceded sets. With one pair sitting out in each round, it is not surprising that K.C.C. appeared unable to concentrate, nevertheless they won 4½ of the six sets played.

Fisher and Wynter-Blyth were the steadiest of the home pairings and won both their sets, while D. Hung and J. L. Anderson, who were both erratic, won 1½.

With R. E. Lee playing in a casual manner, the Zulauf-Lee combination were only able to win one set.

C.R.C. v K.T.G.C.A.

At Kowloon Tong, Chinese Recreation Club beat Kowloon Tong Garden City Association by 7½ sets to 1½.

Ma Siu-leung and T. C. Chan (C.R.C.) beat B. Yue and Lam Kwan 6-3
beat H. Ling and E. Lee 6-2
beat Lee Kam Ming and Chan Leung.

Sze F. K. Lau and Leung Ping-chiu (C.R.C.) lost to Yu and Lam 2-6
beat Ling and Lee 6-3
beat Lee and Chan 6-3

C. C. Luke and O. L. Pang (C.R.C.) beat Yue and Lam 6-3
drew with Ling and Lee 6-6
beat Lee and Chan 7-5

C. DE R. v S.C.A.A.

At King's Park, Club de Recreio "B" were beaten by 8 sets to 1 by South China A.A.

J. Fonseca and M. A. Gutierrez (Recreio "B") lost to H. K. Ho and N. K. Ma 3-6
lost to W. S. Lee and H. C. Kwok 3-6
lost to C. L. Lau and T. K. Leung 2-6

C. E. Marques and J. A. Soares (Recreio "B") lost to Ho and Ma 0-6
lost to Lee and Kwok 2-6
lost to Lau and Leung 2-6

R. M. Soares and L. G. Gosano (Recreio "B") lost to Ho and Ma 0-6
lost to Lee and Kwok 1-6
beat Lau and Leung 6-3

K.C.C. v H.K.U.T.C.

At Cox's Road, Kowloon Cricket Club, winning three sets by default, beat University by 6½ sets by 2½.

D. Hung and J. L. Anderson (K.C.C.) drew with K. Y. Tam and T. S. Wong 6-6
beat M. S. Lu and S. L. Yong 6-4
P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.) beat Tam and Wong 6-4
beat Lu and Yong 6-2

E. Zulauf and R. E. Lee (K.C.C.) lost to Tam and Wong 3-6
lost to Lu and Yong 4-6

ARMY v C. DE R. "A"

Army T. C. lost to Recreio "A" by 2½ sets to 6½ at Sookunpoo.

D. Adam and A. Murray (Army) lost to G. A. Noronha and H. A. Noronha 3-6
lost to H. F. Gonsalves and A. E. Noronha 2-6

drew with A. M. Silva and R. A. Marques 6-6
H. Boocock and A. Martin (Army) lost to Noronha and Noronha 2-6
lost to Gonsalves and Noronha 4-6
lost to Silva and Marques 3-6

J. Emerson and S. J. Duffield (Army) beat Noronha and Noronha 6-2
lost to Gonsalves and Noronha 4-6
beat Silva and Marques 6-3

J.R.C. v H.K.P.S.A.

On the home courts, Jewish Recreation Club lost to the Hong Kong Police S.A. by 9 sets to 0.

A. R. Pollak and M. Talan (Jewish Club) lost to H. R. Brown and C. S. Pile 1-6
lost to A. R. S. Major and S. G. Smith 3-6
lost to V. Morrison and J. Howlett 4-6

H. B. Joseph and Dr. Ramler (Jewish Club) lost to Brown and Pile 0-6
lost to Major and Smith 1-6
lost to Morrison and Howlett 1-6

Talbot and W. J. Ciprin (Jewish Club) lost to Brown and Pile 0-6
lost to Major and Smith 1-6
lost to Morrison and Howlett 0-6

K.I.T.C. v C.B.A.

At King's Park, Kowloon Indian Tennis Club beat the Central British Association by 8 sets to 1.

S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.) beat G. H. Fowler and B. I. Bickford 6-1
beat S. A. Fowler and C. Broch 6-3
beat D. T. Smith and J. Sloan 6-0

F. Khan and Dr. H. M. Singh (K.I.T.C.) beat Fowler and Bickford 6-3
beat Fowler and Broch 6-4
beat Smith and Sloan 6-4

M. S. Hussain and G. Singh (K.I.T.C.) beat Fowler and Bickford 6-4
beat Fowler and Broch 6-0
lost to Smith and Sloan 4-6

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES

Following is to-day's "D" Division tennis programme:—

C.R.C. "A" v Filipino Club
S.C.A.A. v C.B.A.
K.I.T.C. v C.C.C.
K.C.C. v C.R.C. "B"

TENNIS EXHIBITION TO-DAY

The "China Mail" understands that tennis exhibitions will be held this afternoon, probably at Hong Kong Cricket Club, when the visiting Philippines stars will be seen in action against Hong Kong's best.

Unfortunately S. A. Rumjahn, the new Colony champion, does not feel up to the strain of playing as he has had a series of strenuous days on the badminton courts, and he has been reluctantly compelled to decline the invitation, but, it is learned, both Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui have agreed to play, while H. D. Rumjahn is also likely to take part in a double, probably in partnership with Tsui Yan-pui.

It is probable that two singles and a double will be played.

The P. I. players, who were nominated following intensive trials in Manila, are F. Ampon, A. Sanchez and C. Carmona, with Dr. Diy as playing manager.

Later.

It is now learned that H. D. Rumjahn is unavailable for this afternoon, and E. C. Fincher is also unable to play. It is therefore likely that Paul Kong and W. C. Hung will oppose the P.I. doubles team.

The programme, which starts at 4.30 at Hong Kong Cricket Club, is as follows:—

A. Sanchez (P.I.) v Tsui Yan-pui.
F. Ampon (P.I.) v Tsui Wai-pui.
C. Carmona and Dr. A. Diy (P.I.) v W. C. Hung and Paul Kong (probably).

HOME FOOTBALL

London, To-day.

Two Scottish Western matches were played yesterday, Kilmarnock at home defeating Rangers by 3 goals to 1, and Motherwell, also at home, beating Partick, by 6 goals to 1.—
Reuter.

"Y" WIN TWO BADMINTON MATCHES

At the European Y.M.C.A., the Y.M.C.A. men's badminton team beat the Jewish Club representatives by games 5 to 4.
W. Gillies and E. Zulauf (Y.).

beat L. Landau and S. Ramler 21-10
beat J. Odell and B. Godkin 21-17
lost to M. Talan and A. Pollak 24-21

A. J. Gemmell and L. W. Bennett (Y.) beat Landau and Ramler 21-10
beat Odell and Godkin 24-21
lost to Talan and Pollak 13-21

E. G. Yourieff and R. J. Johnston (Y.) lost to Landau and Ramler 23-24
beat Odell and Godkin 21-13
lost to Talan and Pollak 16-21

ANOTHER DEFEAT

Y.M.C.A. Women's Section beat the Jewish Club by 8 sets to 1 in a badminton match.

Mrs. G. Peckham and Mrs. J. Short (Y.) beat Mrs. C. R. Judah and Miss L. Hope 21-0
beat Mrs. L. A. Tobias and Miss L. Bercovitch 21-6
beat Mrs. A. R. Pollak and Miss R. Bercovitch 21-9

Mrs. M. Randall and Mrs. P. Estis (Y.) beat Mrs. Judah and Miss Hope 21-2
beat Mrs. Tobias and Miss Bercovitch 21-7
beat Mrs. Pollak and Miss Bercovitch 21-6

Mrs. L. Susans and Mrs. M. Guard (Y.) beat Mrs. Judah and Miss Hope 21-4
beat Mrs. Tobias and Miss Bercovitch 21-12
lost to Mrs. Pollak and Miss Bercovitch 18-21

"Y" ALSO WIN AT WATER-POLO

In the first game of the season, a scratch water polo team from European Y.M.C.A. beat a Naval team 3-2, in a closely contested match at the "Y" pool yesterday afternoon.

The teams were:—
Navy:—Black, Yates, King, Browne, Rutter, Paul and Hankinson.

Y.M.C.A.:—H. Eardley, H. Broken-shire, J. Berry, E. W. Raiton, R. Goldman, A. May and L. H. Chater.

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Second Division (v H.K.C.C. at H.K.C.C.)—W. Groves, J. Smith, W. Simpson, W. Field (skip); J. Gibson, A. Eastman, R. Hall, P. Younghusband (skip); A. Lapsley, R. Hughes, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden (skip).

Third Division (v H.K.C.C. at K.F.C.)—C. Woodcock, S. Wong, C. Fuller, B. Evans (skip); B. Thomson, B. Williams, Y. Abbas, J. Smalley (skip); J. Boyd, G. Frost, J. Moodie, P. Morgan (skip).

K.C.C. TEAMS

Following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club:—

First Division (v C.S.C.C. away)—G. Lee, A. W. Smith, W. Mulcahy, E. Kern (skip); T. A. Madar, H. Overy, G. Moss, E. C. Fincher (skip); V. C. Labrum, J. W. M. Brown, J. Fraser, F. Goodwin (skip).

Second Division (v Club de Recreio, away)—W. Naef, R. B. Wellwood, A. W. Ramsey, T. W. Carr (skip); A. Madar, L. Jack, G. Taylor, A. Spary (skip); A. A. Dand, W. Parsons, R. Marks, J. M. Jack (skip).

THE NEW SHELL SPORTS CLUB, which was officially opened on Tuesday, has wasted little time in getting into action. Last night their badminton team played Wayfoong (Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank) and although they were beaten by the odd game, the contest was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.



The Bank team included R. Walker and F. M. L. Haymes, who are something of experts at squash, and, although these players showed their inexperience of the new game, they gave promising performances.

Although the final score was 5-4 in favour of Wayfoong, the latter actually won the first five games.

Scores:—

N. Spence and S. A. Rumjahn (Shell) lost to R. Marques and H. Gonsalves 16-21
beat R. Walker and M. Oliveira 21-17
beat F. M. L. Haymes and A. E. Xavier 21-15

G. Phomerson and C. C. Pereira (Shell) lost to Marques and Gonsalves 11-21
lost to Walker and Oliveira 7-21
beat Haymes and Xavier 21-13

R. Danenberg and J. J. Remedios (Shell) beat Marques and Gonsalves 21-17
lost to Walker and Oliveira 6-21
lost to Haymes and Xavier 16-21

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be CLOSED from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 1st May, 1940.

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The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

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NAZIS CAUTIOUS AGAINST RAISING HIGH HOPES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE GERMAN ARMY'S INITIAL SUCCESSES ARE NOT MEETING WITH ENTHUSIASTIC COMMENT BY GERMAN PROPAGANDA, POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE POINT OUT, STRESSING THE FACT THAT NAZI BROADCASTS SEEM TO BE PREPARING THE GERMAN POPULATION FOR DARK HOURS AHEAD.

D.N.B., the official Nazi news agency, asserts Germany is again executing the famous Schlieffen Plan but the decisive battle is not yet won.

The "Boersen Zeitung" says: "The German people must keep their confidence in their leaders even if in the deadly struggle against the Democracies, armed to the teeth, painful days come for us." Political circles here are of opinion that Nazi Government circles are perfectly conscious of the extreme adventure they have engaged in and the terrific cost of the present offensive.

An extremely conservative estimate shows the attack against Belgium and Holland cost Germany 690 planes, while on the French front in one day Germany lost 225 machines.

Losses in tanks have also been extremely heavy. German difficulties are increasing every hour with the extreme unceasing tension imposed upon the troops, and the German leaders are perfectly aware that total warfare may eventually lead to total loss.—Havas.

Next Developments?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

WITH THE DENT IN THE NORTH-WESTERN EXTENSION OF THE MAGINOT LINE NEAR SEDAN, INDICATIONS POINT TO THE FACT THAT HITLER HAS REVIVED ON A GRAND SCALE THE FAMOUS VON SCHLIEFFEN PLAN FOR THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF PARIS, BERLIN MILITARY CIRCLES SUGGEST.

"We have all the forces necessary to carry it out, plus the best air force in the world," they state.

German quarters claim that from a practical standpoint the Maginot Line is "already broken" and that it holds no terrors for the German Army "especially in view of our new weapon."

Berlin quarters see two possible developments:—

1. That England will suffer from air attacks on a grand scale.
2. That England, under Mr. Churchill, will "try to extend the war to the Balkans militarily and economically without a loss of time."—Havas.



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vancing movement. Tuesday's developments are within the framework of this scheme.—Reuter.

Situation Still Confused Round Sedan

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The situation is still confused in the Sedan region but it appears more and more evident that the Germans are relying on their motorised units.

These may have thrust deep into the French lines though they are not supported by infantry who have been stopped by the French.

The strength of the Nazi motorised detachments creates a new serious situation, compelling the French High Command to abandon their war positions and go back to the war of movement.

Reorganisation to this end is proceeding swiftly and the first large-scale counter-attack has been launched during which the French troops showed remarkable heroism and determination, carrying out the task imposed on them despite the odds.

Fiercest fighting is raging near Sedan west of the Maginot Line where the Germans had concentrated large forces to pierce the field positions which constitute the French defence along the Luxemburg and Belgian border.

Supported by planes and tanks the Germans crossed the Meuse at three points and penetrated the French lines. The French immediately counter-attacked and retook most of the lost ground.

At one time, German motorised forces had pushed 10 miles on but were forced to withdraw to their original positions.—Havas.

Increased Pressure

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

An official communique says in central Belgium an enemy tank attack took place in the region of Gembloux. We counter-attacked and threw back the enemy.

On the River Meuse, from Namur to the junction of the River Chiers, the enemy has increased the pressure. The battle is continuing.

Our aviation and the R.A.F., in complete co-operation, continue to intervene very vigorously.—Havas.

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